



On June 10th, I had the privilege of attending the grand opening of the Porsche Experience Centre Toronto (PEC)—a truly unforgettable evening that raised the bar for what a launch event can be. PCA Presidents from all Canadian regions were invited, and Porsche didn't hold back in showcasing

what makes this new facility a standout addition to the global Porsche network.

From the moment I arrived, the excitement was palpable. Both parking lots were filled with curated enthusiast cars from across the GTA—rare models, special editions, and vehicles you just don't see every day. It was a moving museum of Porsche passion.

Nearly 300 guests attended the event, including General Managers from every Porsche Centre in Canada and other invited dignitaries. The event was as polished and premium as the brand itself. Food stations featured regional specialties from across the country. Manitoba was deliciously represented by a beet heirloom salad.

PEC is purpose-built to host large-scale events. Its spacious terrace overlooks the dynamic track and staging area, where close to 50 Porsches—spanning nearly every model and variation—were either on display or in action. The atmosphere blended Porsche performance with hospitality at its finest.

After dark, the opening ceremony kicked off with a stunning laser light show. Lasers danced across the track, shot across the cars, and projected onto the building. Meanwhile, a choreographed parade of Porsches circled the track and skid pad, their taillights and exhausts glowing through clouds of tire smoke, all perfectly timed to an epic soundtrack. For 30 minutes, it felt like a scene from a futuristic motorsport film. Simply spectacular.

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On the Cover... Osoyoos Drive! Photo by Anna Fuller

Behind the scenes, the facility is just as impressive. With over 50 professional drivers under contract and a fleet of cars, the infrastructure is deep. Beneath the main centre lies a dedicated service garage, tire and wheel centre, locker rooms, and driver staging areas—the kind of behind-the-curtain detail that reveals the scale and ambition of this operation.

PEC isn't just a new building; it's a new benchmark for brand experience in Canada. And it's ready to welcome Porsche fans from across the country.

Rob



MEMBERSHIP REPORT April 2025

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PCA National: 164,744 members

Welcome Our New Members!

Ron Demmers - 2009 Boxster
Gary Koralewicz - 2014 Cayman
Darrell Overwater & Kathy Chan - 2025 718
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If you know someone who owns a Porsche, why not ask them to join the Club?

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A cautionary tale!

As many of you know my daily driver is a 2024 Volkswagen GTI. Last year I found out that model year 2024 was to be the last year for GTIs with a manual transmission (I know). So I

decided to trade my dual-clutch-equipped 2028 Audi S3 for a car with front-wheel drive and 50 fewer horsepower. The GTI is slower, but lighter, and with the manual transmission it's so much more fun than the serious S3.

Anyway one of the things about GTIs (and I've owned three) is that they come from the factory riding like 4x4s. You could fit your fist into the fender gap. I don't know why this is (the S3 was also an MQB-platform VAG car but had a sensible ride height) but it looks terrible and drives me crazy. So one of the first things I did was contact a local speed shop I'd dealt with before, and order up a set of H&R springs and mild spacers for "better low."

The springs got installed, the car was about an inch lower and rode a bit firmer, I was a happy camper, it looks great. This was a bit over a year ago.

But starting a few months ago, the car started have random intermittent dashboard meltdowns. Warning chimes would sound and ominous warnings of failure would appear on the dash - front and rear parking sensor failure, lane-change warning failure, electronic parking brake failure, TPMS failure, suspension failure, engine

limited to 3800rpm, rear view camera failure... basically full meltdown. And after many shop visits under warranty I had just about had it. Then after a couple hours more inspection Autohaus made a discovery...

The left front wheel speed sensor wiring harness had been cut and the wires taped back together. Eventually we presume the wiring had loosened (with road vibration) and the intermittent disconnection of the sensor from the main wiring of the car presumably resulted in the crazy symptoms I was experiencing. Why a wheel sensor disconnection would result in a rev-limiter on the engine or failure of the rear-view camera is beyond me, but the VW tech said this is a thing.

The speed shop initially resisted taking responsibility for the cut wires, but nobody else has been in there and it had to have been them. So they have done the right thing and bought VW replacement parts to be installed by their Red Seal tech. I am hopeful that this will solve the dash meltdown issues once and for all. The last challenge will be to convince them to reimburse the \$600 diagnostic bill from Autohaus. But I am a repeat customer of the speed shop and have spent several thousand dollars there over the years so I am hopeful they will make it right.

The lesson? I'm not sure. One might be "deal with speed shops that are trustworthy" but this one evidently cut wires and bodged a repair that eventually failed, without telling me. Another could be "don't modify your vehicle" but where would the fun be in that??

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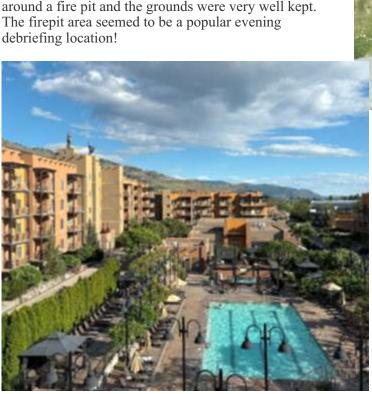
OSOYOOS GETAWAY

With the changes ongoing between Canada and the US, we felt organizing an option for club members to do some travel within Canada was something that would be of interest! So in early March we began planning a trip to B.C.

We consulted with the PCA B.C. Interior Region and made a connection with their President, Matt Stogryn who was exceptionally helpful with suggested routes, winery ideas and lunch spots.

When we organized the trip, we thought members might want to combine the driving tour with some visiting with friends and family along the way, so we organized the official tour to start in Osoyoos, B.C. on June 2nd, with drives on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

We made arrangements for the Red River Region members to stay at the World of Hyatt Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos B.C. The facility at Spirit Ridge offered an excellent base for our group. The property offers condo style units, with one or two bedrooms, all with balconies. There was underground parking which Porsche owners seem to really appreciate! There were two pools and two hot tubs, a relaxing seating area around a fire pit and the grounds were very well kept. The firepit area seemed to be a popular evening debriefing location!









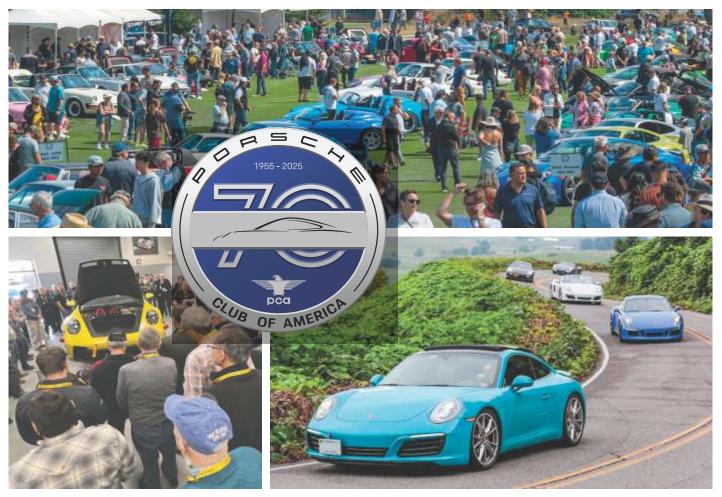
On arrival day we organized a casual pizza and salad dinner so everyone who was participating in the trip would have an opportunity to meet and socialize the evening before the scheduled drives and group tours occurred.

On Day 1 we had a short but scenic drive with two organized tours. The first was of Area 27 Motorsports Park which is an exclusive membership-based luxury motorsports club. When organizing, we reached out to the General Manager to determine if we could arrange a tour. Karla was exceptionally welcoming and we were able to arrange a tour for our group as well as parade laps, and we were lead around the track by their chief instructor. Following parade laps, we were able to use their member dining area for lunch. We were able to enjoy lunch on the beautiful deck with wonderful scenery and watch member cars going around the track! It was a great way to kick off the trip for our club members!





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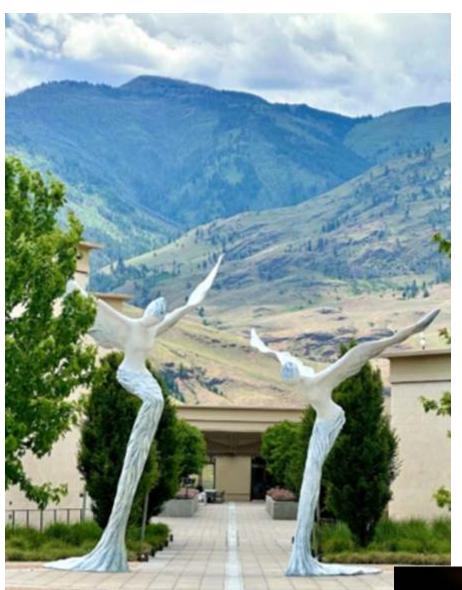
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PCA has big plans in 2025 to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the world's largest Porsche club. Why not join the fun? On September 13th, PCA's founding day, every PCA Region is encouraged to hold an anniversary event in your hometown. Schedule a concours, driving tour, cars & coffee, or any other PCA event and share the excitement on social media using #pca70.



Watch the video: PCA.org/news/pca70

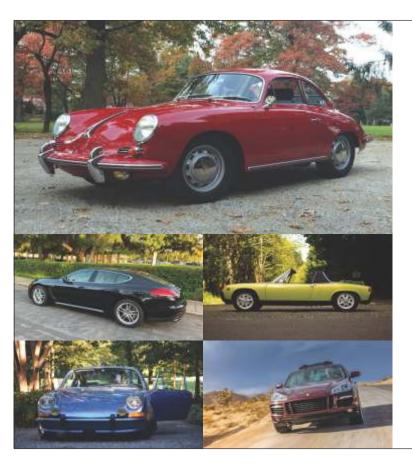




After a great experience at Area 27, the majority of the group headed down the road from the track (which is conveniently right in the middle of winery territory) to the Phantom Creek Estates Winery for a tour and tasting. The tour was very educational and the facility had been extensively upgraded in 2020, which provided a very scenic, relaxing space to participate in a tasting. The winery space, the finishes and art were exceptional. Everyone who participated enjoyed the afternoon.







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We didn't organize a dinner for the evening of the first driving day, so everyone made arrangements for their own dinners either at the resort, or elsewhere in Osoyoos or Oliver. Quite a few members dined at the resort and some went to the Burrowing Owl Winery in Oliver. Day 1 seemed to be a successful start!!

Drive day 2 took us through Osoyoos and up northwest to some very scenic, winding and very narrow roads. Almost everyone said that this day of driving was one of the best they'd ever experienced! We made our way to Okanagan Falls to a local hotel restaurant for lunch. They had set us up in a separate area of the restaurant to spend time together as a group comparing notes about the drive! The food was outstanding and everyone had a chance to visit, including some time for pinball!



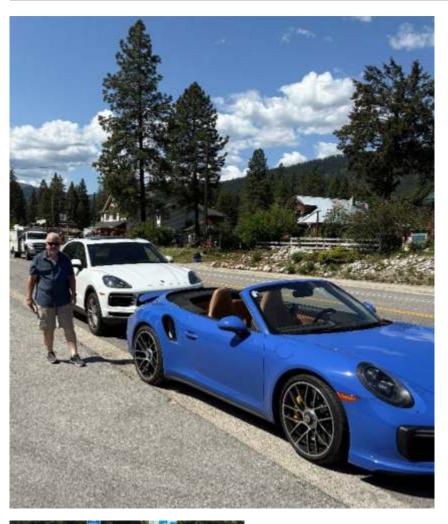
After lunch we drove to the District Wine Village in Oliver which is a one-of-a-kind village in wine country, highlighting wineries as well as a craft brewery and an ice cream shop. The village is laid out with the buildings in a circular pattern. It was a great afternoon stop to stretch legs and some ice cream sampling!

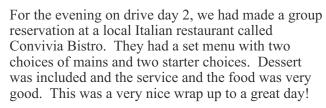












Our final drive day was a longer drive, and we stopped after about an hour to have a restroom break or to enjoy a coffee. During that break all of the members were happy to have time to gather in the parking lot and chat about the morning's drive!







After our pit stop we headed into Kelowna for lunch - but we'd completely forgotten how to deal with traffice and parking issues by then!! We had lunch right on the marina in Kelowna and after that the group had a free afternoon so many different directions and locations were covered by members.

We had received high recommendations for an ice cream spot in Okanagan Falls called Tickleberry's so we convinced Linda to join us for an ice cream stop on our way back to the resort!

For our final evening, we had a group dinner at the Diamond Steak & Seafood House in Osoyoos. This allowed a chance for everyone to debrief about the week and chat about their plans heading back to Manitoba! Back at Spirit Ridge there was a final impromptu gathering at the fire pit to cap off the week!







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Experiences & Pricing

Whether you're new to high-performance driving or a seasoned enthusiast, PEC Toronto has something for you. Experiences on offer include demo Laps with a professional driver - a high-speed passenger tour designed to showcase Porsche model dynamics—from \$140 CAD per lap, and 90-minute instructor-led sessions, where you drive yourself under one-on-one guidance. This immersive experience starts at \$850 CAD for the Macan, with prices slightly increasing depending on the model driven (driving a 911 Carrera S \$1,200 CAD). The PEC also offers group and corporate programs with customizable options for teams, events, or exclusive private bookings—pricing varies based on group size and experience type. There's also a complimentary session for new Porsche owners. Any customer who has taken delivery of a new Porsche vehicle from January 1, 2025, will receive a free invitation for a 90-minute sessio with a Porsche instructor, in a vehicle

equivalent to the one purchased. That offer is valid for two years after receiving the invitation.

All driving programs are guided by Porsche-certified instructors and include access to various track modules. These include a two-kilometer handling circuit, featuring the "Corkscrew" (Laguna Seca), Nürburgring Carousel, and Le Mans-style curves; a dynamics area and autocross course, ideal for testing Launch Control and handling techniques, and low-friction skid pads, both straight-line and circular, mimicking winter driving or drifting scenarios.

Sessions typically begin with a safety briefing and warm-up before transitioning into modules like wet-skid exercises and high-speed cornering.











But PEC Toronto isn't just a track—it's a full Porsche lifestyle destination featuring the Carrera Café where guests can enjoy artisanal coffee and gourmet treats; a Porsche Lifestyle Boutique with apparel, accessories, and collectibles (even with apparel, accessories, and collectibles (even LEGO builds!); a state-of-the-art simulators lab where guests can race virtually on iconic tracks on five simulators. The PEC also features a sustainable design, where geothermal heating/cooling and rooftop solar panels supply about 20% of its required power.

Why You Should Go

- Drive the latest Porsche cars—911, Cayman, Macan, Taycan—with professional coaching.
- Learn real-world techniques like skid control, Launch Control, and performance driving.
- A complimentary experience for new Porsche owners.
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Booking & Planning

PEC Toronto operates Wednesday—Sunday, 8 a.m.—6 p.m., year-round. To learn more, visit https://www.porsche.com/canada/en/motorsportandevents/ex-perience/toronto/

CANCERCARE MANITOBA

Story by Dale Milne



I was pleased to present a cheque to CancerCare Manitoba for \$3,000,00 on behalf of the Red River Region PCA. My thanks to Vice President Don De Beer and Treasurer Bernard Harfield for coming along.

As many of you know, this is a very personal thing for me. I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the fall of 2017. It has definitely been a journey for myself and my family, I can't begin to express how important a part CancerCare Manitoba has played in my journey and those of many other Manitobans. The doctors, nurses, pharmacists and countless others play an instrumental role in dealing with cancer patients and families.

The mission of CancerCare is: In trusted partnership with donors and volunteers, to improve the lives of those affected by cancer through world class research, transformative advocacy and compassionate support. CancerCare sets itself apart from other cancer charities by taking a comprehensive approach against cancer. They are the country's largest national charitable funder of research into all types of cancer.



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This event includes private guided Porsche factory tours in Stuttgart and Leipzig, a Porsche Track Experience on the Porsche Leipzig circuit, and four guided tours on exciting German country roads and highways in a mix of provided Porsche models, including 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS Cabriolet, and 911 Targa 4 GTS.

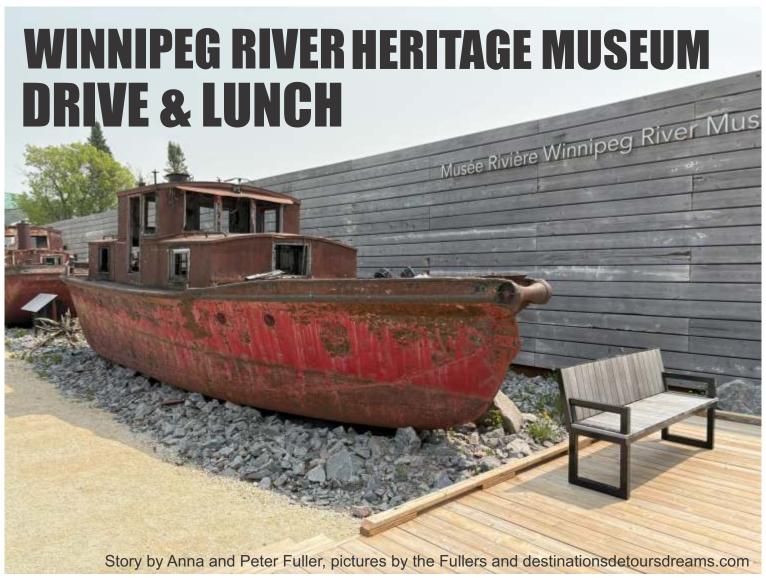
Unforgettable moments await you. In addition to spectacular driving fun in fascinating destinations and the latest Porsche vehicles, Treffen Stuttgart/Leipzig 2025 offers you a comprehensive program with enchanting stays, exquisite regional cuisine, and captivating accompanying activities that promise excitement.

For more info: www.pca.org/news/treffen-stuttgart-leipzig-2025





PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA







Twenty-five members in 13 cars gathered for a drive through the northeastern part of the province to the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum in Ste. Georges MB. Everyone had an opportunity to view the museum which consists of two buildings with wonderful artifacts illustrating the history of the Winnipeg River people.

The museum tells the story of the Winnipeg River, a remnant of Lake Agassiz, the large body of water left after the glaciers that covered much of Canada receded. Indigenous life, early exploration, the fur trade, pioneer life, agricultural life, the building of communities, tourism, logging and sawmills, and the San Antonio gold mine at Bissett are some of the topics covered in museum exhibits, murals, maps, artifacts, videos and displays.

Following the museum visit, a wonderful lunch of fresh made sandwiches and salad was catered for our group. We had an early start and the weather was wonderful—it did get a bit smoky when we got close to Powerview-Pine Falls, but the smoke did clear off after lunch. We would like to thank the staff and the Director/Curator of the museum for the time they spent with our members to explain all of the exhibits. The museum is state of the art and we would encourage all of our members to visit as it was well worth the visit!











A group of 18 cars met earlier than usual at the parking lot across from Frankie's near the Porsche dealer and from there we headed out to St. Leon. We had a pit stop in St. Claude and the restrooms were very well used! After the short stop we headed down Hwy 2, turning onto Hwy 244 and then onto Hwy 23. A short distance down Hwy 23 we turned onto Chemin Messner which is the road to St. Leon. Thank you to member Tom Dobson for his suggestion to take the paved road!

We pulled around a circular drive with an interpretive display about the wind farms. We all walked under a wind turbine and member Ken Klassen gave an extremely informative talk about power systems including hydroelectric, solar and more specifically wind technology! More thanks again to member Tom Dobson who came to the rescue of members with a tired battery by retrieving some jumper cables and getting them back onto the road! From there the group drove to Syl's Drive Inn in Carman and everyone enjoyed a casual lunch and visit before heading on their way home!









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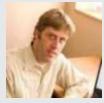
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6 August Monthly Meeting Selkirk Golf & Country Club

3 Sept Monthly Meeting The Gates1 Oct Monthly Meeting The Gates

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