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THE PREZ SAYS...

by John Lillian



Have you signed up yet? If you haven't, get a hold of Glenn Pierce. If you are wondering, "Sign up for what?" Well, we still need volunteers for the May 17th picnic. So please see Glenn.

We have a couple of great events coming up in April. On April 12th we have the Adam's Auto Detailing Event; you will learn how to detail your car. This will be at the Cal Motors in Clovis. On April 18th thru the 20th we have Paso Robles Wine Tour again this year. It won Tour of the Year in 2007. Check with Chick Cherrington on this event.

This month our dinner meeting is at Richards Steak and Seafood Restaurant, located on Belmont and Blackstone Ave. Please call Chris or Evie for reservations. Be sure and bring two (2) raffle gifts, one for the dinner and one for the picnic.

If you want to read a good article, go to the PCA web page and click on library, and then click on REGION FOCUS. The latest article is called "What's HOT and What's NOT for 2008". You can see the direction the Regions are heading. They are going for smaller and easier events: one day trips for brunches and lunches; Car shows with no judging, just showing your car. So, if you get a chance, pull up this article and read it. It is very interesting. Go enjoy your Porsches.

Photo of the Month



By: Glenn Pierce
May POTM Submission
Deadline 4/23/08

See you at the dinner...

John

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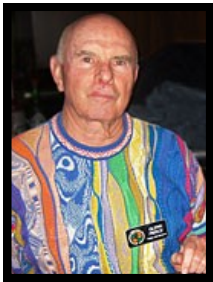


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PORSCHE PAST...

by Glenn Pierce



The Year 1988...

President : Gene Gilpin, Vice President, Glenn Pierce, & Mike Wickstrom, Treasurer.

We ate at the Downtown Club and had CHIP Jim Taylor as our Speaker. It was our 30th anniversary year. Dinner was \$16.00 and call Marilyn for your reservations!

It mentions our "87" Christmas Party at Fig Garden Clubhouse with 19 in attendance. WOW!!!!!! Let's get our dinners up, February dinner at Peppino's was a paltry \$13.00. Crab 17 is April 29-30th and May 1st, at \$90.00 per couple. We had 20 door prizes at January's meeting. We still don't get 20; Twenty years later, come on folks, and get with it! Wow! dinner "At the Thai" house for March is \$8.00. Wow!, plus we had Harry Weber tell us of WWII and Dr. Porsche-Mercedes Benz and his early trips to the U.S.A. with his toolbox and a \$20.00 bill when he arrived in N.Y.C.!! Also 1988 - the 1990 Parade has been secured at the Monterey Hyatt, Gene Gilpin is the Chairman and he pulled this off with a great Parade.

April we ate at the Bear Club at \$15.50 per person, what a great dinner. Also return to Poze, Slow Roads, Fast Roads, Winding Roads, Porsche Roads, good food, cold beer, prizes and fun. Call the Pierces/Goerlichs. Now!!

The tour to Santa Cruz was a fun time had by all. We had \$989.44 total according to Mike Wickstrom.

The June dinner was at "Chibchas" in Cathys Valley, you must ask an older member about this place.

Gone but not forgotten.
Until next month,
Glenn



For up-to-the-minute information, Check out our website: [PCA Sequoia Website](#)



PORSCHE TECH

by Dave Goerlich, Technical/Safety Chairman



Reminder - Adams Polishing and Wax Co. of Los Angeles is coming to Fresno to put on a first class detail clinic for our Porsche club. They are well known in the performance automotive after market detail field. Wayne met these people last September in Ventura at the German Autofest. "They know their business and their detail products are the best", says Wayne. The date is Saturday April 12, 2008, 10:00 A.M. The location is California Motoring Co. 1063 Brookhaven Dr. Clovis. Info: Glenn, 297-6120. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Dave



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Upcoming Sequoia Region Events



April

- Mon 4/7** Board Meeting - Goerlich home.
- Tues 4/8** Dinner Meeting: Richard's Prime Rib & Seafood, 1609 Belmont Ave. \$30.00 (tax & gratuity included). Social Hour: 6:30, Dinner 7:15. Reservations to Evie by 4/5/08 446-0400 or emdias@comcast.net.
- Sat 4/12** Detail Clinic: 10:00 A.M. at California Motoring Co., 1063 Brookhaven Dr., Clovis, Ca. Contact Glenn at 297-6120 for further information.
- Fri 4/18-20** Paso Robles Wine Tour: Details coming soon. Contact Chick Cherrington.

May

- Mon 5/5** Board Meeting - Dias home.
- Tues 5/7** Dinner Meeting - No scheduled dinner meeting for the month of May.
- Sat 5/17** Sequoia Region 50th Anniversary Porsche Picnic at McNeilly Park - for information contact: Glenn Pierce (559) 281- 6442, Ken Brown (559) 237-2590, or Mel Dias (559) 446-0400.
- Sun 5/18** Tour to Zone 7 Concours #1 - brought to you by Yosemite Region, held at the San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. Meet @ Starbucks Marks & Herndon. For tour info: call Mel or Glenn. For Concours info: [Click Here](#), or contact Paul Czopek at (209) 531-1942 or p.czopek@clearwire.net

Dinner Meeting Reminder: Those who cancel their reservation after the deadline or fail to show up for the dinner will be billed for their meals.

Sequoia Region Calendar of events: <http://sga.pca.org/events.htm>

Zone 7 Calendar: <http://zone7.pca.org/index.php?page=calendar>

Tips On Pumping Gas

I don't know what you guys are paying for gasoline.... but here in California we are also paying higher, up to \$3.50 per gallon. But my line of work is in petroleum for about 31 years now, so here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon.

Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose , CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A 1-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some other liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up--most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

PCA Region Focus Online (Monthly newsletter at the PCA website)

The current and past issues of PCA's "Region Focus" can be downloaded here:

https://www.pca.org/members/region_focus.html

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Check out the new PCA Pod Casts!: <http://sqa.pca.org/podcast.htm>



The Porsche Pantry

By Marilyn Pierce



FOOD BANK



For all dinner meetings, bring raffle prizes & canned food.

Please reach deep into your pantries and when you shop, grab a few extra things to donate at the dinner meeting. Our community liaison recommends rice, beans, canned vegetables, soups, cereal products, masa flour, etc. These items can be bought in bulk. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Again, if you forget, bring money; we'll give one raffle ticket for each \$2.00 donated.

Glenn took the first food supply to the Evangel Home last week. They survive by donations alone and were very appreciative. The concept of The Evangel Home was started in the 1800's by George Mueller. They have been serving the Fresno area since 1955. The Home serves Women & Children in Crisis. Their needs are simple: The necessities: Canned Goods, Juice, Paper & Plastic Goods, Condiments, Mealtime Staples such as Eggs, Oatmeal, Pancake mix, Cream of Wheat etc. Dry goods, Meat, Coffee and Tea, and Odds and Ends that we take for granted and use every day. At the next meeting we will have a display set up for those of you who are interested in finding out more about our charity recipients. Thank all of you for your donations for such a worthy cause.

Yosemite Region Presents
Concours on Campus
Sunday, May 18, 2008
San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton



Registration opens at 7:30 A.M. and closes at 9:00 A.M. • Judging begins at 9:30 A.M.
Entry fee is \$20.00 if received by May 1st, \$25.00 thereafter • The fee for display-only is \$10.00.
All proceeds go to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) • Lunch will be available.

Directions: From I-5, take the March Lane exit and proceed east to Pacific Avenue. Turn left onto Pacific and proceed to Yokuts Avenue (approximately 1/4 mile). Turn left onto the campus and follow the signs. To get to I-5 from Highway 99, use Eight Mile Road West or Highway 4 West (Crosstown Freeway) to I-5.

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Sacramento Valley Region - PCA CRAB 34

The date for CRAB 34 has been changed.
Mark your calendars now for

Our new dates are April 18, 19 & 20, 2008

This means we will have the entire
event hosted at the same location!

Sequoia Region

50th Anniversary Picnic in the Park

Saturday—May 17, 2008
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

At McNeilly Park (Private Grounds) Clovis, California
(a beautiful setting on grassy grounds)



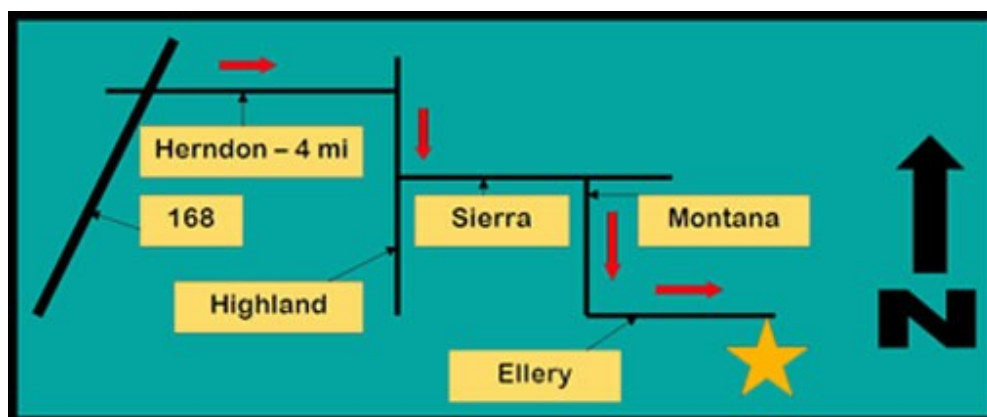
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No Money – No Entry – No Food
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Sacramento Valley Region and Yosemite Region Present
Snake Eyes IV

First event in the 2008 Zone 7 Rally Series

Sunday, May 18, 2008



Start and finish at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton (same location as Zone 7 concours)

Open to all cars, not just Porsches

Cost is \$15 per car (Two people per car per insurance requirements)

Registration at 8:45 A.M. • Driver/Navigator meeting at 9:06 A.M. • First car out at 9:30 A.M.

The rally is specially designed for first timers and beginners.

The rally covers approximately 100 miles and will return to the start location in time for lunch and awards together with the concours event being held that same day.

Directions: San Joaquin Delta College is located at 5151 Pacific Avenue. From I-5, take the March Lane exit and proceed east to Pacific Avenue. Turn left onto Pacific and proceed to Yokuts Avenue (approximately 1/4 mile). Turn left onto the campus and follow the signs. To get to I-5 from Highway 99, use Eight Mile Road West or Highway 4 West (Crosstown Freeway) to I-5.

For information, contact Rik Larson at 916.481.6084 or e-mail at sysnake@comcast.net



As you should know, this year marks the second year of Porsche's return to the Long Beach Grand Prix. It is quite exciting to have the American LeMans Series event in Southern California's back yard. In support of Porsche, there are two days of additional activity provided by a Porscheplatz tent and a Porsche-only parking corral in the immediate vicinity of the race course. The Porscheplatz tent provides Porsche owners a plethora of activity that includes visits by the Porsche team drivers and managers, special presentations by factory VIPs and interaction with National Porsche Club staff. There are also a number of special memorabilia and a grand opportunity to join the Porsche teams in the hot pits in full race suit and right in the middle of the action. See www.imsaracing.net for the full agenda of activities (click the IMSA Car Corals button). Registration for the Porscheplatz tent happens on site and I highly recommend that you do so at the earliest opportunity when you arrive at the track. There are limited numbers of give-away items available – but there is full access to come in, have a seat, bring your lunch or snacks and watch the action on the big screen closed-circuit feeds. As to corral parking, there are also a limited number of parking spaces – but as of today there are still several openings!! They are only available through a direct visit to the box office or by phone at 888-82-SPEED. The price alone is a big draw – only \$20.00 a day to get this close to the venue. But hurry!! By the way, the parking can be purchased with any level of admission ticket – but is NOT available as parking only.

If you have questions, please call (213.248.4743) or email me at carrera3@msn.com.

Michael Dolphin

Zone 8 Representative, Porsche Club of America



Porsche in the News



FIVE PORSCHE RS SPYDERS, FIVE PORSCHE 911 GT3 RSRs, AND 40 PORSCHE 911 GT3 CUP RACE CARS TO CHALLENGE COMPETITION AT MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING WEEK-END

SEBRING, Florida - March 8, 2008 - For the Porsche owner and race fan, the 2008 Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring brings the best of the past and present in Porsche Motorsport all in the same place at the same time next Saturday, March 15, at 10:00 AM EDT at Sebring International Raceway.

The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring will be telecast on Saturday, March 15, live on SPEED TV, starting at 9:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time (the green flag drops shortly after 10:00 AM EDT). Live radio broadcast, plus live scoring and pit notes, are available at www.americanlemans.com, starting with qualifying on Thursday, March 13. Follow the progress of Porsche teams and view photos at www.porschemotorsport.com.

56th Running of Sebring

As the 56th running of America's longest-running sports car race, Sebring history and Porsche racing history are very much parallel, with Porsche's first racing victory in Austria in 1948. Porsche owns all the major manufacturer records at Sebring, including 17 overall wins, but perhaps the most telling statistic is that at least one Porsche has competed at Sebring every year since 1953 - 54 straight races (there was no race in 1974). No other manufacturer is close to that record.

For 2008, Porsche competitors come into the American Le Mans Series – the feature 12-hour race of the weekend - with ten cars in two classes, plus five cars in the SPEED TV World Challenge and 32 identically-matched Porsches in the newly-named IMSA Challenge by Michelin.

The American Le Mans Series, which starts its new season with Sebring 12 Hours on the bumpy air-field circuit in central Florida, is the longest and toughest race of the year and presents the greatest challenge for drivers and teams.

"At this race we're all at our limits," says Porsche works driver Timo Bernhard (Germany), defending LMP2 co-driving champion in the Penske Racing Porsche RS Spyder prototype. "Those who are not optimally prepared have no chance."

Also, a good finish at Sebring is important for the championship chase for the rest of the season. Due to its race length, more points are allocated at Sebring than at the majority of the other races, so success at the season-opener can give an excellent boost in the race for the title.

"Our objective with the RS Spyders in Sebring is to win the fiercely competitive LMP2 class," says Porsche head of motorsport Hartmut Kristen. "We've made improvements to several areas of the RS Spyder. The aerodynamics have been upgraded, the fuel consumption optimized. We think we are excellently prepared for Sebring and the challenges of this season."

Kristen pointed out that the Honda-powered Acura LMP2 cars have also improved for 2008, and that they outlasted the RS Spyders at Sebring a year ago.

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Porsche RS Spyder

In 2007, the Weissach-developed and built sports prototype set the benchmark in the LMP2 class of the American Le Mans Series. Its impressive balance of success: eight overall wins and eleven class victories. With this, Porsche not only won the drivers title with Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas (France) but was also undisputedly the most successful manufacturer.

With factory support from Porsche, Penske Racing, winner of the team title in the last two years, again fields two RS Spyders in the LMP2 class. This is the most fiercely contested class in the American Le Mans Series. It features almost twice as many starters as the second sports prototype LMP1 class and offers fans the most exciting fights for positions. The RS Spyder with starting number six is shared by Sascha Maassen (Germany) and his new team mate Patrick Long (USA). The pair receives support from Ryan Briscoe (Australia) in Sebring. Manning the number seven RS Spyder are Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas. Emmanuel Collard (France) joins the duo as the third driver for the season-opening round.

The US privateer Dyson Racing team, supported by Porsche as part of its successful customer racing program, enters its second season running two RS Spyders. Chris Dyson (USA) and Guy Smith (Great Britain) share the cockpit of the #16 car. Butch Leitzinger (USA) and Marino Franchitti (Great Britain) pilot the #20 RS Spyder. Providing back-up in Sebring is Andy Lally (USA).

Horag Racing brings the fifth Porsche-assisted RS Spyder to Sebring. The Swiss privateer racing team celebrates its debut in Florida with the sports prototype from Weissach, before returning across the pond to contest all rounds of the European-based Le Mans Series. With Fredy Lienhard (Switzerland), Didier Theys (Belgium) and Jan Lammers (Netherlands) the team has signed on an experienced line-up for their RS Spyder with starting number 27.

The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on the 3.7-mile airfield circuit is a tough endurance test for both car and driver. Pilots must not only withstand extreme stresses with the many bumps on the circuit, but over the course of the race must tackle 5,500 corners and make around 7,000 gear changes.

In the face of such torture, Timo Bernhard remains calm. "We train hard to be top fit from the very first race," he says. In preparation for the season, Porsche put its works drivers through an intensive fitness camp on the Canary island of Fuerteventura, where they received both physical and mental training.

Romain Dumas has no problem to start the year with the longest and toughest race. "At least we know immediately where we stand compared to our rivals. Sebring is a fascinating race and an excellent season-opener," he said.

Porsche 911 GT3 RSR

Porsche is also well represented in the GT2 class, having captured victories in 911-based cars 28 times. Three teams and five cars will represent Porsche in the Sebring 12-hour event for 2008.

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The most distinguishing feature of the new 911 GT3 RSR is the front end which received major improvements to the aerodynamics. The majority of innovations however are hidden under the body, where an optimized air ducting with newly designed side air outlets generates more down force and reduces drag. Much of the know-how in the GT3 RSR's totally new gearbox, developed by Porsche engineers, has come from the RS Spyder sports prototype. The range of possible suspension set-ups was broadened.

These improvements should make the Porsche very competitive against last year's champions, the Ferrari 430. Although Porsche and Ferrari had classic battles, and the cars were very close in 2007, the Italian marquee won both the driver and manufacturers title. Porsche had won those titles seven of the eight previous years of the American Le Mans Series.

Flying Lizard Motorsports leads the Porsche customer contingent at Sebring with three of the new, updated Porsche 911 GT3 RSR racers. Sharing driving duties in the #45 Flying Lizard Porsche are Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), the 2006 champion and second-place finisher last year, with his new team mate and fellow German Wolf Henzler. Providing back-up is their Porsche factory driver colleague Marc Lieb (Germany). Johannes van Overbeek (USA), current Porsche Cup champion and the new Porsche works driver Patrick Pilet (France) drive the #46 Flying Lizard Porsche, with factory driver team mate Richard Lietz (Austria) as the third driver. In the #44 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Darren Law (USA), Seth Neiman (USA) and Alex Davison (Australia) will share the driving duties.

Farnbacher Loles Racing, a veteran Porsche racing organization, will carry its championship form to the American Le Mans Series for the first time this season, combining forces with champion drivers Dirk Werner and Marc Basseng. Farnbacher Loles and Werner won the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series GT team and driver titles in 2007. Basseng adds a European championship. They hope to match that success in the ALMS this year.

Werner, of Kissenbrück, Germany, and Basseng, of Leutenbach, Germany, will drive the team's No. 87 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the 11-race series. A third driver will join them for the longer endurance races, with their Sebring choice to be announced in the next couple of days.

Both Werner and Basseng have excelled in international sports-car racing. In addition to his Rolex Series title, Werner won three 24-hour races last year, in Dubai, England and the United Arab Emirates. He also has a class win in the 24H-Rennen Nürburgring and a class podium in the Rolex 24 At Daytona, and won the 2006 Porsche Carrera Cup championship. Basseng's results include an overall podium in the Nürburgring 24-hour race, a class win in the Rolex 24 at Daytona and the 2003 Renault Clio Speed Trophy title. He competes in several series, is a contract test driver for Porsche and provides television commentary for Porsche Carrera Cup and Porsche Supercup races.

The third Porsche team in GT2 is also a veteran Porsche organization, but also new to the American Le Mans Series. VICI Racing is a Miami, Florida-and Munich, Germany-based racing team with more than 20 years of experience competing at the topmost levels of international sports car racing, in both GT and prototype categories, in Europe and the United States. VICI Racing is a wholly owned subsidiary of the VICI Group, which comprises of technology-led companies. VICI Racing roll call of wins includes GT victory in the Daytona 24 Hours.

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VICI has also purchased a 2008 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, and hope to make an impact with 1994 Porsche supercup champion Uwe Alzen, former Grand-Am champion and ALMS Porsche veteran Craig Stanton, and 2006 IMSA GT Cup champion Nathan Swartzbaugh.

IMSA Challenge by Michelin

The International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), Porsche Motorsport North America (PMNA), and Michelin have taken the successful IMSA Challenge by Michelin and expanded it again for 2008. Beginning with the American Le Mans Series' Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring weekend, the IMSA Challenge (renamed from the IMSA GT3 Challenge) will run 14 races at seven venues and will expand into two classes to attract even more participation.

The Platinum Cup championship will be contested by competitors who enter the new 2008 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racers, with its increased horsepower to 420 bhp. The Gold Cup championship is for those racers who own 2005 - 2007 Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars.

Although the two classes will run together on the track - similar to the American Le Mans Series events, there will be two winners, two podium ceremonies, and two sets of championship point standings.

The 2008 IMSA Challenge by Michelin continues to give top semi-professional and gentlemen drivers from the United States and North America the opportunity to compete with such prestigious organizations as the American Le Mans Series and the Formula One in the world's most successful GT car - the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup racer. The latest purpose-built race cars, based on the 2008 Porsche 911 body style, will have sealed engines and transmissions, providing for close racing where the driver's talents are exemplified. PMNA provides technical support for the IMSA series with personnel, parts and expertise both away from and at the track.

Perhaps the best way to measure the success of the series from the point of view of young drivers trying to move up the motorsports ladder is to see where some of the series graduates have landed in the three years of the IMSA Challenge.

Lawson Aschenbach, the 2005 series champion, went on to win the SCCA SPEED World Challenge series in 2006, and earned a Cadillac factory seat in that series in 2007, finishing third in the final points. 2006 series champion Nathan Schwarzbaugh is a regular in the Rolex Grand-Am series, and 2007 front-runners Charles Scardina and Bryce Miller were both seen at the recent Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona in January with Porsche rides - with Miller securing a season-long contract with the TRG Porsche team.

As the series ran with the Formula 1 event at Indianapolis last year, the 2008 schedule includes two races with F-1's only North American appearance at the Montreal Grand Prix.

Returning drivers for 2008 include last year's champion Bob Faieta, 2007 race winners Dino Steiner and Tom Papadopoulos, and multiple podium-finisher Tom Pank. Familiar Porsche race car preparers Kelly-Moss, AASCO Motorsports, Alex Job Racing, TRG, Orbit Racing, Farnbacher Loles, NGT Motorsports, Werks II/P7 Racing, and Kinetic Motorsports have all signed up for the '08 season with multiple entries.

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SCCA SPEED World Challenge

The other Porsche racing event of the weekend, the 2008 edition of SCCA's SPEED World Challenge GT Championship Series, begins in March at Sebring and is scheduled for stops at Long Beach, Miller Motorsports Park in Utah, Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, and Mosport. The GT series will conclude the GT season with a double header at the new Thunderbolt track in New Jersey and the season ending race at Road Atlanta 7 days later.

Defending 2007 World Challenge GT Drivers' Champion Randy Pobst, of Gainesville Georgia, will return to action along with five-time World Challenge champion Michael Galati of Olmstead Ohio, who was 4th in points in 2007, driving the K-PAX/3R team Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars.

Dino Crescentini, in the Global Motorsports Group Porsche 911 GT3 Cup; team owner James Sofronas in the team 911 GT3 Cup; Philip Martien in the At Speed Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 Cup; Tim Mckenzie in the TR Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup; Paul Brown in the 911 Design Porsche GT3 Cup; teammate Eric Olberz in a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup; Sean Allen in a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup; and John Bourassa in Porsche 911 GT3 Cup round out the Sebring Porsche World Challenge entries.

Facts and Figures

This is the American Le Mans Series

The American Le Mans Series (ALMS) was created in 1999. The regulations are based on the rules of the Le Mans 24 hour race. This season eleven rounds will be contested in the USA and Canada. The traditional highlights of the year are the Sebring 12 hour race and the 1,000 mile "Petit Le Mans" race in Road Atlanta. Most races run over 2.45 hours. The ALMS is the American counterpart to the European-based Le Mans Series (LMS).

The starting field consists of two different sports vehicle categories: Sports prototypes and standard sports cars. They are divided into four classes: LMP1 class: Sports prototypes with up to 750 hp and a minimum weight of 925 kilograms (in the LMS: 750 hp/900 kilograms).

LMP2 class: Sports prototypes with around 475 hp and an 800 kilogram minimum weight (in the LMS: 475 hp/825 kg). The Porsche RS Spyder competes in this class.

GT1 class: Heavily modified standard sports cars with up to 650 hp and a minimum weight of 1,125 - 1,325 kilograms (in the LMS: 650 hp/1,125 - 1,325 Kilograms).

GT2 class: Slightly modified standard sports cars with between 450 hp to 470 hp and a minimum weight of 1,125 - 1,325 kilograms (in the LMS: 450 to 470 hp/1,125 - 1,325 kilograms). The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR competes in this class.

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All race cars start together but are classified separately according to the class. This system ensures diverse and constant action with many overtaking opportunities. Points are only allocated for top ten finishers in each class who complete 70 percent of the leader's laps. Championship titles are awarded in the LMP1 and LMP2 classes for drivers, chassis and engine manufacturers, teams and tire suppliers. In the GT1 and GT2 classes titles are awarded for drivers, car manufacturer and teams. With the RS Spyder in 2006 and 2007, Porsche won the championship title for drivers (Sascha Maassen/Lucas Luhr and Timo Bernhard/Romain Dumas respectively) as well as for manufacturer chassis, manufacturer engine and team (Penske Racing).

PORSCHE SEBRING FACTS (updated March 9, 2008)

Overall Wins: 17 (13-Year Winning Streak - overall, 1976-1988)

1960 - Hans Hermann/Oliver Gendebien Porsche RS60
1968 - Hans Hermann/Jo Siffert - Porsche 907
1971 - Vic Elford/Gerald LaLarrousse - Porsche 917
1973 - Hurley Haywood/Peter Gregg/Dave Helmick - Porsche Carrera
1976 - Al Holbert/Michael Keyser - Porsche Carrera
1977 - George Dyer/Brad Frisselle - Porsche Carrera
1978 - Brian Redman/Charles Mendez/Bob Garretson - Porsche 935
1979 - Bob Akin/Roy Woods/Rob McFarlin - Porsche 935
1980 - Dick Barbour/John Fitzpatrick - Porsche 935 K3
1981 - Hurley Haywood/Al Holbert/Bruce Leven - Porsche 935
1982 - John Paul, Sr./John Paul, Jr. - Porsche 935
1983 - Kees Nierop/Wayne Baker/Jim Mullen - Porsche 934
1984 - Stefan Johansson/Mauricio DeNarvaez/Hans Heyer - Porsche 935
1985 - A.J. Foyt/Bob Wollek - Porsche 962
1986 - Hans Stuck/Bob Akin/Jo Gartner - Porsche 962
1987 - Bobby Rahal/Jochen Mass - Porsche 962
1988 - Klaus Ludwig/Hans Stuck - Porsche 962

Most top ten overall finishes - 197

Class Wins: 63 (a manufacturer record)

Fastest race average speed: 115.82 mph (Akin/Stuck/Gartner in a Porsche 962 - 1986)

Fastest race lap: 130.707 mph (by Derek Bell in a Porsche 962 - 1986)

Porsche 911 Wins: 28 Overall and Class Victories

GT Class Wins: 25 (since 1979)

At least one Porsche has competed at Sebring every year since 1953 - 54 straight races (there was no race in 1974). No other manufacturer is close to that record.

