

Event Narrative

Everglades region PCA (Porsche Club of America) celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2017 with a record number of members for our region now totaling just over 900. The club hosts events ranging from social outings at various concerts, museums and restaurants, to car shows, rally's, autocrosses, high performance driver's education and club racing. Like many other PCA clubs who are involved in motorsports, many of our driving instructors (including myself) are certified instructors for the Tire Rack Street Survival School, training newly licensed drivers those crucial skills that are not taught in traditional driver's education in the schools...such as car control, emergency avoidance and braking as well as many other skills. We host many events with the generous support of our local Porsche dealerships (Fort Myers and Naples), who this year in addition to their normal support of our events, helped us to raise money for the Autism programs in our local schools.

For just a little explanation of an autocross event for those who are unfamiliar with the sport...An autocross is a competitive, driving event, in which a car is timed over a course laid out on a paved area (often a large parking lot or landing strip) and is marked by short, soft road pylons (cones). An autocross is skill challenging, but is always educational and social. No passing is allowed and the cars are spread out on the course so as to maintain a safe distance between them. The Autocross chair and safety steward will evaluate the course prior to the start of the event. In addition, the Chair will designate worker/safety stations close to the course to keep a close eye on each car as it progresses thru the course. Safety is always a top priority. Our events typically begin at around 7:00am with our crew coming in to setup the course and ensure safety equipment is properly placed around the course for course workers. Our events are typically finished by 3:00pm and we have the site cleaned up and everyone out by 4:00pm.

We have been looking for a site to help better support our northern area and provide an opportunity for cross region event activities with our Suncoast neighbors. We very much look forward to nurturing a lasting relationship with Venice and having the opportunity to patronize its restaurants and hotels during our event weekends.

For further information, please visit our region's website: egs.pca.org or the national website at www.pca.org.

Thank you again,

Thomas Kring, Motorsports Chairman

Everglades PCA