



### *Meeting the Taycan Turbo: Reveal Event at Porsche Destin*

By: Judy Young

On 30 May, we gathered up our masks and hand sanitizer to boldly go . . . to our first public event since mid-March. Porsche Destin was having a party to reveal their new specimen - the 2020 Taycan, and we would be there.

We arrived early and strolled around the lot scoping out possibilities, other than the Taycan, that is. When a sales associate greeted us, my first question was “How do you pronounce this new model’s name?” As an English teacher, I couldn’t stand not knowing! Of course, we’ve been saying it wrong—just between Richard and me—all along, but now we know: it’s “tie-con.” I’m so relieved to know that!

This was a very gracious and well-appointed event: valet parking, gifts for all attendees, live piano music (yes, a baby grand in the showroom), open bar, and a spread of delicious hors d’oeuvres and desserts created and presided over by a local chef.

The draped Taycan waited patiently in its prominent place while we noshed and listened.

There was a video planned, but the tech didn’t work properly, so it was back to the old-school way of presenting information—the Sales Manager addressed us in person to talk about the design principles, engineering, and other details. She did an excellent job of it, especially considering that it was all pretty extemporaneous!

Most people are familiar with the basics of the Taycan. It’s a very sophisticated and attractive vehicle. It is about the size of the Panamera, but with a somewhat lower profile. It is definitely family-minded in style, with plenty of luggage space, front and rear, and a back seat that’s not just for show (as in our 1984 911).

Speaking of families, when it was our turn to try on the Taycan for size, someone’s little boy was lingering in the back seat, and he was pretty excited about the whole thing! He couldn’t have been more than 7 years old, but he talked our ears off about the car and how his dad was going to buy this very vehicle! And that turned out to be a definite possibility, as we found out when the boy’s parents came over to apologize for and retrieve their offspring. Dad had wanted a Ferrari, but thought the Taycan was a better choice, though mainly because of the presence of a local dealer for maintenance needs. Whatever the reason, he was most emphatically interested in the Taycan, and I wouldn’t be surprised if he ended up reserving that very one. **CONTINUED ON PG. 2**



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Among the Taycan's many features, it boasts a very comfortable cockpit and passenger seat. Richard and I are a Mutt-and-Jeff couple—he's 6'3" and I'm 5'2" (first thing in the morning on a good day). So, it was pretty nice to find that the driver's seat adjusted to comfortably accommodate both of us. Also, like most real Porsches it has a frunk, and there's quite a large trunk as well. The electric charging ports are positioned on both sides of the car, behind the front wheels, so it will be easy to use recharging stations. The brakes are massive, very impressive-looking, and, we're sure, very effective. But with regenerative braking, I don't think they will get put to use much in daily driving.

As you would expect, the Taycan interior scores high marks in sophistication. As noted above, the driver's seat adapts to a wide range of leg lengths and body sizes; but all the seating is commodious and comfortable. The cockpit instrumentation, too, carries through with the Taycan's characteristic sophistication. Whereas the Tesla's cockpit dashboard tends to resemble a giant iPad, the Taycan's, though obviously based on advanced technology, is much less techy-looking and far more elegant in appearance.

All that said, with its \$165,000 price tag, we won't be buying a Taycan anytime soon. But we certainly enjoyed seeing it and celebrating the reveal!



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## From Our President

June 26th, 2020

I hope everyone has made it through the Pandemic so far without any major problems. It has been interesting, to say the least. I was going to be in Kansas today for my oldest daughter's wedding, but flights were canceled, and I could not get there by car.

We have fortunately been able to host a few events, such as the "Out of Quarantine Rally" on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great turn out and I am sorry that some of you missed it. We practiced social distancing and I think everyone had a good time. About 25 cars showed up and the weather was great. I wish people would have followed the instructions they were given rather than following the car in front of them.

Everything I signed up for this spring was canceled, from a DE at Road Atlanta to Zonefest. I finally got to Road Atlanta on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of June. It was solo drivers only, so we got some extra track time; I know I went thru a lot of gas. There was the Father's day DE at Barber, June 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>. There is also an event at NOLA coming up in Mid-July. For those



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PRESIDENT  
—WALLY LINDENMUTH**

who have never done a Driver Education event, NOLA is the best track to start on. The track has a lot of run off room, where Barber and Road Atlanta do not. Due to the Pandemic, there may be a problem with having instructors in the cars for those in group one. PCA has not come up with an acceptable method to do that yet, to my knowledge.

I have talked to David Wilson in Mississippi and he will be putting on his **Back Road Mississippi Tour** on October 3, 2020, so put that on your calendar. That tour is always a lot of fun and David always finds a great place for us to eat after the tour.

With the help of some of our members, I have found a new place to Autocross. It will be

October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Emerald Coast Dragway. They now have a drifting course that will work out very nicely to lay out a good Autocross course. The cost to use the track is \$10.00 each for adults; kids under 12 are free. We will most likely charge some additional fee to cover club costs. More details to come in the future.

The Rolex 24 2021 entries opened around June 15th. I had a call this morning from Daytona trying to sell tickets for the IMSA race on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. I sent out an email to members who have gone with me to the Rolex 24 in the past to give me some feedback if they want to ride the Sonnenschein Express Motorhome. I know it is six months away but you have to get your name and money on the list early.

The Region is looking at doing some other things this fall, and the board is looking for

Ideas as well as for folks to step up and organize what you would like to see the Region do. It doesn't take a lot to put on a tour somewhere, and we are here to help you through the details and guidelines. Any driving event must have insurance, which we get at no cost from PCA National.

We will be doing the Christmas toy drive like we did last year, but this year we will have two on the same day. We will have one in Pensacola and another in Mobile. Most likely this will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, so keep those dates open. We would love for some members to step up and help organize these events.

Since the holidays cause us some problems getting a Zone Holiday Party scheduled, we will be having it after the first of the year.

Please be safe and don't get sick; since the states have opened up things have gotten worse. Wear your mask and wash your hands.

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*From our President (continued)*

By: Wally Lindenmuth

P.S.

Steve Pearce put out a note about the new method of using clubregistration.net. Club Registration is a very good site; your personal information is **Safe**. I have met Chris and he takes great pride in keeping his web site from being hacked and keeping people's personal information safe.

Due to the COVID-19 problem, we are having to fill out and sign more release forms. Clubregistration.net has gone to the effort to make these forms allow electronic signatures.

Sonnenschein Region has been using clubregistration.net for a number of years to help us in planning for events that we put on for the Region. With the change that has taken place in the world, it is going to be necessary that **ALL MEMBERS** of Sonnenschein Region get set up and learn to use this registration website. I would hate to see us have an event and the people who were not signed up in clubregistration.net have be turned away because they didn't preregister in Club Registration.

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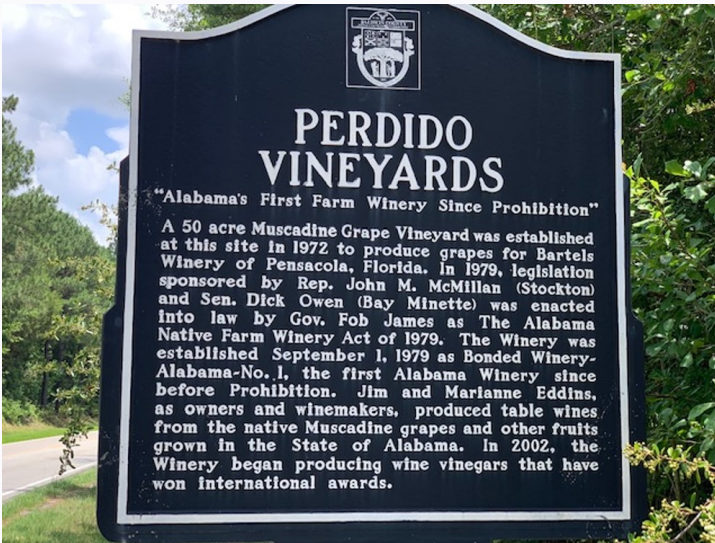
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## Out of Quarantine Tour, May 23, 2020

By: Wally Lindenmuth, President



On May 23, 2020, the region put on the **Out of Quarantine Tour** in northern Baldwin County Alabama. It was a repeat of a tour we put on a number of years ago, but it still was a lot of fun. We started at Shelton Fireworks just off I-10.

About 25 cars showed up and 35 people. We got everyone to sign all the wavers that were required by PCA. This was one of the first events nationwide to be put on since the Pandemic, so we were testing the waters, so to speak, for PCA since everything prior to this had been canceled.

The way we had the tour set up was with two sets of instructions. I made the mistake of passing the route instructions out early and ended up having cars follow each other



rather than the instructions, but it ended up OK; they all got to the first stop at the Perdido Winery. We had arranged a tasting, which was great. I asked the owner to not go thru his long talk, since we had lunch scheduled at the Stagecoach Cafe in Stockton, AL. Not everyone stayed for lunch, but I heard that those who attended had a good time and were glad to get **"Out of Quarantine."**





## *Peachstate Driver Education Event in Road Atlanta, June 6&7*

By: Wally Lindenmuth

I have talked about it before, but I can't help but say it again - I love Road Atlanta - the track, anyway. I don't like the Friday afternoon Atlanta traffic to get there. I still enjoy the track and the people I have met who are usually there.

The sign in was lengthy Friday, with long lines, temperature checks, and signed COVID forms to be turned in. But even with waiting in line, things went slow but efficient. I got the RV and trailer parked, electric hooked up and got the car unloaded. The first thing was to get the car inspected and turn in the pre-inspection paperwork. The rules were to stay in the car during inspection; just passing your paperwork out through the window. They checked lug nuts and other things on the car, as well as your Helmet. I passed through inspection without any problems and headed back to the RV and my pit spot.

Then, it was time for a glass of wine and a little dinner in the RV. I was pitted just above turn one, which gives a good vantage point to observe turns one and two. The driver's meeting was early on Saturday and I got to use my new pit bike. I bought a used mini bike that worked out just great. It allowed me to get up and down the hills and to the drivers meeting without a problem. The drivers meeting was held in the covered building where they had X's marked on the floor so that people would maintain social distancing during the meeting.

Since there was no Group 1, everyone was running 30-minute sessions. This was my first DE since last year's after Parade. Driving a car at high speed takes a lot of energy, and since I had been sitting on the couch for a couple of months, I was not in very good shape. I could have done 5 sessions on Saturday, but I elected to skip the last one.

Road Atlanta is not a track for beginners; it takes a great deal of skill to make it around the course. Turn 12 was my most challenging turn; it drops seven stories and is off-camber to the left. I run in group 3, and we had enhanced passing with a point by, which means you can pass anywhere on the track with a point by. You have to be comfortable with your skill and driving ability to make passes going down turn 12. You don't realize how much gas you burn running at high speed. I had brought along an extra 25 gals plus an almost full tank in the car and I used almost all of it.

I do not recommend Road Atlanta for drivers who have not at least soloed with a large number of track days under your belt. A good beginning track is NOLA with lots of run off area that you can get off track and not damage your car. There is a DE Scheduled for in July at NOLA.



# Photo Gallery

## The May Out of Quarantine Tour

Photos Submitted by : Marla Reis





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## The May Out of Quarantine Tour and June Luncheon

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(Additional events will be added throughout the year)

*Editor's Note: Events may be canceled due to COVID-19 Social Distancing*

## July

- 25th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee
  - ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
  - ◇ Detail Garage, 5007 N. Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503

## August

- 8th: Mobile Bay Cars and Coffee
  - ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
  - ◇ Fort Container Park, 29001 Bass Pro Dr. Spanish Fort,, AL
- 22nd: Pensacola Cars & Coffee
  - ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
  - ◇ Detail Garage, 5007 N. Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503

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## September

26th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Detail Garage, 5007 N. Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503

## October

3rd-4th: Alabama Region PCA DE

- ◇ Barber Motorsports Park, Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, AL

11th: Cars & Coffee Biloxi

- ◇ 8:00am
- ◇ Slap Ya Momma's BBQ, 178 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531

16th-18th: Peachstate Region PCA - Drivers Education  
Three-day event at Road Atlanta

24th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Detail Garage, 5007 N. Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503

## November

14th: Mobile Bay Cars and Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Fort Container Park, 29001 Bass Pro Dr. Spanish Fort,, AL

28th: Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
- ◇ Detail Garage, 5007 N. Davis Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32503

## December

26th Pensacola Cars & Coffee

- ◇ 8:00am-10:00am
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