

Schatten Rappen'



Schattenbaum Region, PCA
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Dawn of another track season!

**March Drivers Ed kicks off
Schattenbaum Track Events
for 2023**



**PLUS: Meet Members of
Schattenbaum's Board of Directors**

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On the Cover

Another track season is upon us!
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Upcoming Events



Arnold Cohen photo

Spring Social

What: Find details on the Schattenbaum website
When: April 23, 6:00pm
Where: Tarantella's, Medford NJ
Cost: \$40 per person, 1 guest per member
Bonus: Club provides wine and beer!
Contact: social@schattenbaum.org



Andre Kriete photo

Tour to Central Pennsylvania PCA Swap Meet @ Carlisle Fairgrounds

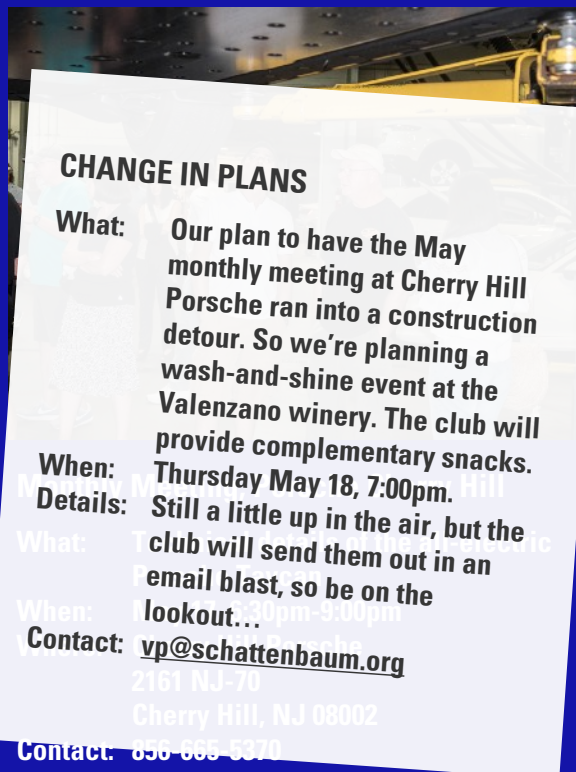
When: April 29, 2023, 8 am.
Where: Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle PA
Meet: WAWA parking lot
 2060 US-130 Burlington, NJ 08016
Cost: Admission with Parking \$ 25 (w/one person)
Contact: tour@schattenbaum.org



Bob Helm photo

Drivers Ed

What: Find details on the Schattenbaum website
When: May 13-14, 7:30am – 5:00pm
Where: New Jersey Motorsports Park
Cost: 2 Days: \$485
 1 Day (Sat. or Sun.): \$300
 Approved instructors: \$150
Register: MotorsportsReg.com



Bob Helm photo

CHANGE IN PLANS

What: Our plan to have the May monthly meeting at Cherry Hill Porsche ran into a construction detour. So we're planning a wash-and-shine event at the Valenzano winery. The club will provide complementary snacks.
When: Thursday May 18, 7:00pm.
Details: Still a little up in the air, but the club will send them out in an email blast, so be on the lookout...
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Schattenbaum's Drivers Ed Events

Date:	Track:
May 13–14	NJMP: Thunderbolt
July 20-21	NJMP: Thursday @ Thunderbolt, Friday @ Lightning
August 11–13 (Club Race weekend)	NJMP: Thunderbolt (Advanced DE run group only)
October 28-29	NJMP: Lightning

Registration is open for all events. For more details, visit www.schattenbaum.org.



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NEW JERSEY
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Meet our New President

Nick Katsikis

Hello Schattenbaum Members!

I am honored to be your new Club President as the role is instrumental in making our club a success. I have some big shoes to fill of the great leaders that have followed before me. As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Chapter's founding, I wish to continue the great things we do: the social, Concours, tour and track events that the club hosts each year. Schattenbaum has been very successful over the years, and I have truly enjoyed all of the events and meetings — they have inspired me to become involved and do even more.

I have been a member of the PCA since 2014, and for the past 2 years have been the VP, where we have hosted some great events at great venues and prior to being the VP, I held the Concours chair. My love affair with German cars, especially Porsche stems back to my early childhood when my father introduced me to the 930 Turbo as well as numerous other German cars he has owned over the years. I am an avid car collector with 27 vehicles in my current stable, which on the Porsche side,

includes a 1983 928 S, 1984 944, 1974 914 1.8 and 1975 914 2.0. I have a hard time letting go and have been fortunate enough to keep all my babies and just continue to add more.

In my professional life, I am the Director of Operations for a large Hotel company that operates over 100 hotels in 30 states. I handle all aspects of the business at each hotel from day-to-day operations to financials, physical plant maintenance and most important, the guest experience. I feel that my 30 years of business experience will translate well into helping to manage the club. .

Part of what makes our club so great are you, the club members! I look forward to the opportunity to get to know all of you as I serve as President for the next two years.



Bob Helm photo

Meet our new Vice President

Bob Stine



I'm excited to have this opportunity to rejoin the Schattenbaum board. I've been a Schattenbaum member since 2011 and was the Board Secretary back in 2016-17.

Work took me away to NYC just in time for the pandemic, but I was never that far away. I kept instructing at our DE events and of course never missed any of our club races or holiday parties!

I'm local again and happy to be involved planning our monthly meetings. We're always looking for new topics that will draw you to join us so don't hesitate to make a suggestion. My wife Sharon and I look forward to getting to know more of you.

Meet our Club Secretary

Michelle Hoppenfeld



Greetings! My name is Michelle Diamant Hoppenfeld and first, before all else, I must admit ... I love my Porsche, a 2016 Boxster GTS. Ok! Now that I've established that, I can move on.

Currently, I am serving on PCA Schattenbaum Region's Board as Secretary. My responsibilities are primarily to listen, participate, and document our Board meetings and then compose said meetings, chronicling everything discussed.

Included in those responsibilities are a written record of where we met, when, and who was in attendance and not. In

addition, discussions, deliberations, votes and final decisions made, and by whom, for everything on the agenda for each meeting is written and noted.

I try and leave out what people are eating and whether anyone's complaining about personal things like the drive there or oil leaks! Any organizational follow-ups needed to be addressed are also recorded and then the minutes are written up and distributed so all Board members, both in attendance and not, are aware and informed of what we are

doing, where we are in the process of any and all organizing and implementation of events at the time of each meeting.

In addition, I happily volunteer in different events throughout the year as needed, and or desired. For me, I especially enjoy volunteering for both regional events and some National events for PCA. The Ocean City Boardwalk Reunion, the Club Race at Millville, and the Porsche Parade are just some of my favorites to date. It's truly a privilege serving on our Board, and I'm grateful for the continued opportunity to help make our club so special.

Meet our Chief Instructor and Track Co-Chair

Pete Debusmann

Hello, I'm a member of the Schattenbaum board. For those that don't know me here is a little background. I've been a Porsche owner since I was 16 years old when I purchased a rusty, worn out 914 in 1977. I didn't join PCA until 1998 when Claudia, my wife, bought a membership as a Christmas gift after the purchase of our 993 in 1997. I was assigned to Schattenbaum since we live in South Jersey. After my first meeting (intro to DE) I decided to give the track thing a try, and the rest is history.

Currently I am the Chief Instructor, and Track Co-Chair with Mike Bono. My job is securing track dates, taking care of the contracts and overseeing our track program. At each event I work with the instructors and students to make sure everything goes smoothly and everyone has a good time while keeping safe. If you have any interest, or questions about our track program please let me know.



Meet our Concours Co-Chair

Sean Gallagher



I am Sean Gallagher, I have been a Schattenbaum member for over 15 years. I am currently a co-chair member of the concours, along with Eduard Hanekom. He and I organize and judge the wash and shine, spring club concours and other club related car show events.

Joe Eshelman



I'm looking forward to continuing to grow this club. We now have over 600 primary members and it keeps getting bigger and bigger...

Meet our Newsletter Editor



Byron Veale

Greetings fellow Schattenbaumers! I'm your round-trip Newsletter Editor; I say that as I was Newsletter Editor a couple years ago, needed a bit of a sabbatical. But now I'm back, and will try to bring you a quality publication...

The Porsche hook was set in me around 1985, when I was in high school with Dan Petchel's boys. There was one night we were meeting at the Petchel's house before heading off to a party. Standing in the driveway at dusk, out comes Dan from the garage

with a milk crate, a crankshaft, and a blow torch. He proceeds to plop down on the milk crate and take the torch to the end of the crankshaft, in order to get the Woodruff key out (I'm pretty sure). After some time, whenever I went over to the Petchel's, it was to hang out in the garage with Dan, pitching in wherever I could. There I perfected the art of taking things apart. I wasn't so good putting them back together, which still stands today.

When you see me at a Schattenbaum event, smile: odds are I'm going to be taking your picture any minute. *Ciao!*

Meet our Safety Chair

Cliff Goldsmith

I am Cliff Goldsmith, and am a professional Licensed New Jersey and Pennsylvania Private Detective. I perform Investigations and Executive Security for Corporations, Businesses and Law Offices.

As a Safety Chair (SC) for Schattenbaum PCA, it is my responsibility to make sure any car that enters one of our Club's High Performance Driver's Education events (aka DE) is fully prepared to safely drive on a track. I ensure that Tech Forms are completed, tires and brakes are in good shape, and other safety equipment such as helmets or harnesses are up-to-date and in a safe working condition.

I also produce incident reports for any events or incidents that occur on track, and any safety issues off-track during the Clubs DE events.

Other responsibilities include physical safety of all attendees at our DE events. I am also PCA Nationally Certified Instructor and help as a Driving Instructor as needed during our DE events.



Meet our Social Chair

Claudia Debusmann



Hi everyone, my name is Claudia Debusmann and I'm the Social Chair for Schattenbaum, which means I organize all social events throughout the year. And nice ones we have!

The year starts with the Spring Social at *Tarantella's* in Medford, a casual event with great food and spirits!

The next and all-time favorite is our annual Lobster Run in June, a driving tour to *Bar Anticipation* in Lake Como for a delicious lobster lunch. If crustaceans are not for you, we offer other meal choices as well.

In the summer August we'll have a Cruise Night at the *Evergreen Dairy Bar* in Southampton NJ, a fun event!

Lots of cars of all different makes and ages. We fill up the place with our beautiful Porsches and enjoy some refreshing ice cream on the Club!

When fall comes around it's time for Oktoberfest at *Sebastian's Schnitzelhaus* in Wrightstown, just outside McGuire AFB. Authentic German food served family-style and, of course, German beer provided by the club. *Prost!*

And the grand finale is our spectacular Holiday Banquet in December at the *Stone Terrace* in Hamilton. You don't want to miss this! A five-hour gala with butlered hors d'oeuvres, an amazing dinner buffet, open bar through the night, dancing, door prizes, a truly fun night!

The club subsidizes a portion of the cost for each event, a treat for members to say thanks for making this a great club.

As for myself, I was born and raised in Austria on the border of Germany, only two hours away from the holy ground, Stuttgart! My husband Pete served as president for Schattenbaum and currently is the chief instructor for our DE events. We've been very active and involved with the club since 1999.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and come on out to join your fellow Schattenbaumers for some fun and good times. *Hope to see you out there!*

Meet our Tech Chair and Track Co-Chair



Mike Bono

I have been a PCA member since 1990. I've served on the Schattenbaum board as the Membership chair, Vice President and President over a number of years now.

I currently serve on the board as Tech Chair and Co-Track Chair, along with Pete Debussman. Pete and I coordinate track dates for our Drivers Ed (DE) program. During these events I act as the promoter at the track dealing with most of the daily operations required to run a smooth event.

I also handle operations at the track for the Schattenbaum Showdown Club Race in August each year. That entails scheduling volunteers, pick up, set up and delivery of all the equipment such as scales, rooms, timing and scoring, t-shirts, accommodating National staff, etc. I also bring in sponsorship for the events.

For my day job, I own and operate *BonoMotors Restoration and Performance* in Sewell, NJ. We handle servicing all Porsche models, full restoration of early Porsches, track preparations and any other Porsche needs. If you have any questions regarding our Schattenbaum DE program or would like to volunteer for our upcoming Club Race please reach out to me. *Hope to see you at one of our events!*

Meet our Tour Director

Andre Kriete



Bob Helm photo

At Schattenbaum I am directing our tours. Tours can be taken with any Porsche — I am driving a Cayman (which is my fourth Porsche).

Planning and optimizing does not necessarily mean finding the shortest, but often the most interesting route off the beaten track. I need to check for road conditions and traffic.

Still, the unexpected can happen, and larger caravans are prone to be disconnected by traffic lights. I am

providing a route description for everybody to be able to catch up.

Fall tours remain our most popular driving event, with up to 40 cars. Last year I combined the drive to NJ High Point State Park with a visit to Stirling Mining Museum, which turned out to be a great drive.

As with many other PCA events tours include paperwork and education on driving standards so please come early. *See you there!*

March Monthly Meeting



Track Talk at Valenzano Winery

Bob Stine

Our club meeting for March featured an introduction to the PCA Driver Education program. Unlike the course called driver education you might have taken back in high school, the Porsche version happens on a race track! That might feel like another world and can be intimidating if you've never participated, so this meeting covers the basics.

After letting everyone enjoy snacks and sample wines at the beautiful Valenzano winery, it was on with the (slide) show, which covered the registration process, things you need to do before the event – like make sure your car is track-ready — and then what happens once you're at the track. Pete Debusmann, Jon Schepps, and Cliff Goldsmith from the club's track team joined the conversation and answered questions. Thanks again to club member Tony Valenzano for letting us use this great venue.



Top: Schattenbauers' rides at dusk; not sure who brought the 928, but that was a sight for sore eyes, you don't see them that often any more.

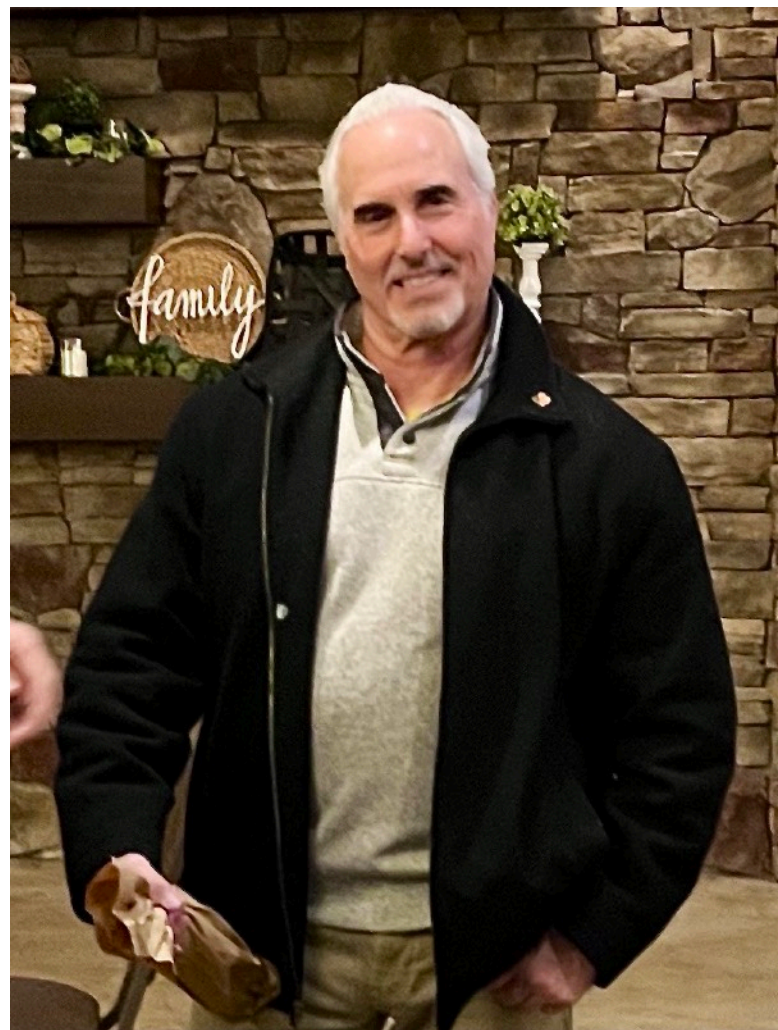
Above: Pete Debusmann chatting with Bob Stine — in front of the TV, in case you're wondering about the cast....

March Monthly Meeting



Top: Nick gets the meeting underway, while Treasurer Tom Stolz heads for his seat after fetching some of Valenzano's tasty wine.

Below: Tom Stolz and Bob Helm conversing, IIRC Bob was regaling us about when he bought his first 914 in Germany in the late sixties or possibly the early seventies (I sampled the wine too).



Above: Cliff Goldsmith looking sharp, and with a Valenzano purchase for later on...

March Tech Inspection at BonoMotors

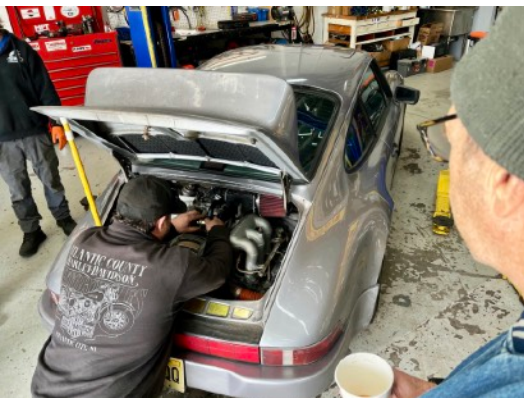


Byron Veale

March 18th was a good day for a road trip to Mike Bono's shop in Sewell to get my car checked out for the upcoming DE on March 26th.

While there, I got to check out Bob Stine's "Nutty Professor" 911 GT3, which was recently returned to "street spec" and came out really nice. I wish I got a shot of the carbon details inside...

I also got to meet Sam Resnick and Brian Murphy, who were there getting their Cayman's teched. And Alan Halpern got to have a reunion with two of his older cars, mine and a silver GT3 that was also at Mike's shop. I think I saw him welling up at one point!



March Drivers Ed



Byron Veale

It was with more than a little excitement when I made my way to Millville, NJ on March 26th, heading to my first Drivers Ed in more than a year. Maybe with more than a little trepidation too...

I need not have worried. The conditions were great, sunny, clear, not too cold. There was a good turnout, the pit roads were well lined with participants. You always spot some interesting rides. Mainly because Schattenbaum events attract some interesting people!

We like to say we take a unique approach: we treat you like adults.

Top: Drivers meeting is at 8:30am, you want to have your car teched by then. Tech starts at 7:30am.

Left: VP Bob Stine hosted the drivers meeting, where he gave us all the 411 on how to conduct ourselves on and off the track, and covered what all of the different flags mean (and how the only time you ever stop on the track is when the red flag flies).

March Drivers Ed



When I finally got myself on track, I could tell I was rusty. My car's old, and parts have gotten a lot more expensive, so I knew I better take it easy. Would hate to lose it in twelve on cold tires...

After my first session though, I was psyched, things started working their way back, and I remembered why I love doing this stuff so much.

Top left: Carol Ryan, Sudhir Kalra and Tom Stolz; and you can see just how sunny it was...

Top right: Sudhir's Spec Boxster, with the tower in the background — which offers some great views of the track up on top!

Below: John Beidler enjoying his time behind the wheel of his "M&M" E30.



March Drivers Ed



And in a case of serendipity, I had brought a bagel with me for breakfast. I ended up eating it near the classroom. While there, I'm listening to what Bob's saying, as he's talking about the various turns on the track, and the lines through them and such.

And then I heard him say how he likes to just touch the curbs, as a confirmation that yes, he got close enough through the various turns. So that's something I tried working on. To varying degrees of success...

All-in-all, it was a great experience, one I strongly encourage everyone to try at least once!

Top left: Bob Stine working the classroom.

Top right: that's Colin McGreal, Angela and Jerry Gizinski, Carol Ryan, someone who's name I failed to get, Tom Stolz, Mike Bono, and Sean Carrington all milling around before Bob went out in Dan Petchel's old 411 car.

Bottom Left: Tom, Carol, Cliff Goldsmith, and Jennifer Ferrilli at our favorite lunch spot, Shannon's.

Bottom Right: Phil & Iain enjoying the day (are you spotting the same trend I am?).



March Drivers Ed



Top left: Cliff flashing a winning smile, with Jon Schepps, Mike, Sean, Claudia, Colin, Bob and Jennifer.

Top right: Colin McGreal and Bob Stine.

Right: I had a nice chat with Jerry and Angela Gizinski from Delaware; Jerry was really enjoying his rocket-ship, er, 2019 911.

Bottom Left: Claudia, Deanne DelPiano and Jennifer strike a pose.

Bottom Right: Najam Cortes and Jami working pit-out.



Parting Shots

Byron Veale

Bob Stine gave club members an idea of what our track events are like (see March Monthly Meeting on page 17).



This should give you a little more of an idea of what our track events are like: I got a GoPro last year, these screenshots are from my first time trying it out at our March Drivers Ed event.



If you own one of these cars, you really owe it to yourself to try it out on the track ... the freedom that comes with no speed limits and fellow drivers who aren't distracted by their phones is really something to experience!



Clockwise from upper left: Brandon giving me a thumbs-up as I head out; the end of the front straight, into turn one; turn five, you can see the bridge just past it; turn eight, you can see the condos to the left, and so can get an idea of what kinds of views they offer; heading under the bridge into turn 12, the last and fastest turn on the track; coming back into the infield after the session ended.