



FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT **Danielle Morris**

Same 911, New Perspective

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In July, we'll hold our second Pride Drive - and I have something personal to share alongside it.

I prefer Danielle over Daniel. While this may be surprising, and is certainly complicated, I want you to know: it is a good thing - for me, and I believe for our Club. Authenticity is a genuine strength, and I've come to trust that.

I've been thinking about the Targa as a metaphor. Roof up, it's a coupe - a proper 911 with a solid top. Open the Targa, and suddenly it's an open-air machine. Different look, same car. Same driver, different profile. The view may change, but the essence is unchanged.

That's the best way I know to describe this. I'll continue as an officer and as a tour leader and designer. On the personal and professional levels this is complicated, but I am fortunate - my family supports me, even as they navigate their own questions along the way. The journey, like a good twisty road, has its undulations, followed by unexpected brilliance and vistas you didn't see coming.

I've worked with the Board and many of our leadership over the past

two-plus years on this. Because I serve as a club leader, a personal journey inevitably touches others - and I recognize that many of you may have questions. Questions are good.

We are a car club. We emphasize drives, social events, dinners, Cars & Coffee, and community outreach. We are not a political organization, and my transition is simply a personal one - open to questions and without the need for awkwardness. I especially want to avoid the awkwardness that can so easily surround a disclosure like this. The Board is fully on board. I have always answered their questions, and I'm glad to answer yours.

I believe our Club is so much more than cars, events, and drives. It is about people. I am hopeful that each of you will continue to show up and participate as you always have - and that when we're at a shared event, you'll find very little has changed. Other than perhaps the length of my hair and the style of my clothing.

Same 911. Just the newer open-air version.

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