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Cover: Bruce Backer's 2017 911 Targa 4S in a setting all too familiar to our members in Wisconsin and the U.P. But hey. It's a 4S. Porsche built it for our weather.

Happy holidays everyone.



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Save the date: May 21, 2022, for the second annual multi-region BBQ.

Wanted: Volunteers to help with planning this event.

If you can help — work at the registration table, for example, or direct arrivals to parking — contact region president Shaun Stamnes. [sstamnes@netnet.net]

The 2021 event was great fun with hundreds of members from Fox Valley, Chicago, Milwaukee and Central Wisconsin regions.

President's message



Happy December fellow FVR members!

Can you believe another year has passed by? Two years ago, I became your region president and it has been a privilege to serve the region in this role. Granted the first year was not what I expected but it did allow me to learn at a slower pace. This past year we were finally getting back to somewhat normal activities and we were able to hold several events and got to enjoy everyone's company. From simple gatherings to driving events and cook-outs this year gave us a lot for which to be thankful.

I was honored to give a \$500 donation to the co-founder of the Colton's Cure Foundation just the other day on behalf of the region. To say she was thankful would be an understatement. Colton's Cure is a foundation started by a co-worker and his wife after they lost their 5-year-old son to childhood cancer. Tara told me that they "have never turned down a financial request" from any family in need. The region's donation will certainly help ease the financial burden for a family in need and I thank you on their behalf for this donation.

Looking forward we have the Gearhead's Movie night on Dec. 9 at Communication Arts Center at the UWO Fox Cities Campus, (better known as UW-Fox Valley). This event is co-sponsored by the region and will feature the movie "Super Speedway" along with comments from Carson Wilkinson, who is the former director of safety for Road America and was present during the filming of this movie, as well another very special guest who will be joining us virtually. The movie is free to all and there will be a cash bar. The bar opens at 6 p.m. followed by the movie at 7 p.m. in Perry Hall.

Dec. 11 is the region's Holiday party. Registration is still open with two ways to register this year. You can fill out the paper form and mail it along with your check to our treasurer Erik Scharinger or you can complete the registration online thru MotorsportsReg.com and pay with your credit or debit card. The event is listed as private and can only be found thru the following private link: <http://msreg.com/2021FVRHolidayParty>. There will again be a silent auction this year so if you have any items you are interested in donating for the auction, please [email Dee](#) with the item description so we can make up a bid sheet for it and bring the item to the party. Winning bidders will need to pay for the item at the end of the party by either check or cash.

Well, that is about all I have to say for this year. Please be safe driving this winter and Dee and I are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the party or the movie.

Shaun Stamnes, Region president
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Editor's note



After few offerings due to the pandemic in 2020, 2021 shaped up to be a great year with cars shows, tech sessions, driving tours, Treffen and more.

I hope you participated in at least one event and that you will try to attend even more in 2022.

Thank you to the members who take photos at events and submit them for this newsletter. Also thanks to those members who stepped up and planned our events this year.

Much of the past year involved several region members who were part of the Treffen planning team along with some Milwaukee region members. While PCA hosts Treffen, it is the local regions that do most of the heavy lifting. Several Fox Valley region members served on the planning team and also as volunteers. See the November Whaletales for a complete report.

Two events remain on our 2021 calendar: Gearheads Movie night on Dec. 9 — see page 7, and the Holiday party on Dec. 11 — see page 5. Sign up deadline for the holiday party: Dec. 6.

Ideas for 2022

Do you have an idea for a driving tour in 2022, a casual coffee get together at your favorite café? Perhaps a trivia night? A Kentucky Derby watch party complete with costumes? A scavenger hunt? Chili cook off?

You don't have to work alone to develop an event. The board is willing to jump in and help. If you have an idea and want to get started on planning, reach out to any of the board members listed on page 20. Your interest and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

— Bev

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DATE: Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 **Your RSVP must be received by Dec. 6.**

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TIME: 5-10 p.m. Reception 5-7 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Cash Bar

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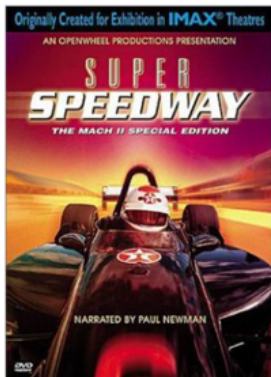
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and

Carson Wilkinson, former Road America Safety
Director, instrumental in movie production

Thursday Evening, December 9, 2021

UWO-Fox Cities Campus Communication Arts Center

(The campus known to most of us as UW-Fox Valley)

Cash Bar Social at 6 p.m. in the Thrivent Financial Lobby

Movie at 7 p.m. in Perry Hall. Big Screen! Great Seating!

UWO-Fox Cities Campus, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha

Joe Franzoi of Appleton, a member since 2020, owns a 2021 Boxster GTS 4.0 and a 2021 Cayenne S, that his wife drives. "Both are black on black. The Boxster has a six-speed manual transmission and the Cayenne features the eight-speed Tiptronic S transmission."

Joe said that "Porsche quality, reliability and performance" are what attracted him to Porsche ownership.

Members and their Porsches

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The Franzoi garage has two Porsches: The 2021 Boxster GTS above and a 2021 Cayenne S below. Photos by Joe Franzoi.



What are you driving (or what's undercover for the winter)?

Members' stories of Porsche ownership are what drives this newsletter. Send your answers to these questions to Whaletales editor Bev Jurkowski. Bev will write a brief article about your passion for Porsche. Include a .jpg of your Porsche when you send the email to: Beverly.jurkowski@gmail.com

1. year and model. 2. exterior/interior color. 3. How long have you owned it? 4. How did you find it? 5. What is it about the brand that appeals to you. That's it. Easy, right?
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Roberta Vandeveld, Green Bay, member since 2009, drives a 1974 914 1.8. "It's Silver Metallic with black interior and a five-speed. Bought it new. The car feels like my oldest daughter," she said.

Members and their Porsches



PORSCHE PUPS...Roberta's two dogs, Wilber the Boxer and Josie the Weimaraner, like her 914 as much as she does. Both dogs are rescues.

Photo credit: Roberta Vandeveld

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Dave Treichel and his son **Blake** have been members since 1991. Dave is the owner of Zero to 60 Garage in Sherwood and is a friend to many in the region. Here's his story of Porsche ownership.

"I bought my first 911 in 1985, a 1980 black Targa. I couldn't find a red one so being in the business I stripped the car down and painted it red. That was the beginning of my love affair and obsession with air-cooled Porsche 911s.

"Since I've always wanted a coupe, I sold the Targa and in 1988 I found a 1980 red 911 SC coupe for sale at Honest Hans Auto Sales in Chicago. That was back in the day

when I had to go to the library to scour the auto for sale ads in the Chicago Tribune to find a 911. I was told over the phone that the car was like new so I made the deal over the phone to trade in a Mercedes Benz and some cash to get the car since Hans assured me that it was 'perfect.' The next Saturday my Dad and I drove down to Chicago to make the deal. As we were getting close (no GPS in those days, just a map), we drove by this place that looked like a junk yard with a bunch of old wrecked cars by the road, and sure enough, I saw the back end of a red 911 sticking out of an old shed with dirt floors and doors hanging off the hinges.

"My Dad thought that this can't be the place, but sure enough, according to the address this was it. We drove in the gravel driveway dodging all kinds of miscellaneous domestic engine blocks and other car parts that were scattered about. I got out of the Mercedes, carefully looked around, (sketchy neighborhood to say the least) as I looked at the car I saw the salesman (Hans) heading toward me. He kept telling me what a 'peach of a car' it was, so I decided to look closer. I found that the original paint wasn't. Further, I got in and the battery was dead, so they jumped it with another car and I got it fired up.

"It seemed to run OK so I kept looking at it. I was going

Members and their Porsches continued

to back it out for a test drive and the brake pedal went down to the floor. Further inspection found that there was no dipstick to see if there was any oil in it, so needless to say the deal previously made on the phone was off.



Photo credit: Dave Treichel

"My Dad was still in the Mercedes with the doors locked, so before I left, I thought what the heck, I'll offer a ridiculously low price for the car anyway, and Hans, looking quite insulted of course said no way. I got in the Mercedes and Dad and I headed down the driveway. As I looked in my rear view mirror I saw Hans running after

us waving and yelling 'Wait, Wait.'

"I stopped the car at the end of the driveway and Hans said 'I'll take your offer.' I made the deal. We got in the 911 and carefully headed to the nearest gas station, filled up the brake fluid reservoir which gave me a bit of brakes after pumping a few times, dumped enough oil in until I saw the needle move on the level gauge, pumped up the tires and headed for home.

"No cell phone back then either so we prayed that we wouldn't run into any problems. It was still daylight

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Treichel's 1980 911 SC continued

out, so I thought we'd have a chance. Thankfully we made it with only having to add more brake fluid at the next gas stop, leaving the car running because I didn't trust the battery to be able to re-start it. It was quite a ride home with my Dad looking at me like I was nuts. Ha! Thankfully it all worked out.

"I totally restored the car. I even painted it twice, and still have it today," Dave said.

For the record, the car is a 1980 911SC Coupe, red exterior, black interior, tail, 7&8 Fuchs wheels, rebuilt engine and trans, SSI exhaust, Griffiths air conditioning and tons of miles.

Dave said he acquired more cars after that first 911 and now has several air-cooled 911s, a 2005 Boxster, a 944 turbo track car, a highly modified 2002 996 twin turbo street car, a silver Fabcar built race car, and a Ferrari 355.

"But that first red 911 coupe is one that my sons will have to pry the keys out of my hands some day. That one has all the special memories that go with it. In fact, I used to put my three kids (they are now in their 30s) in the back seat area (probably bad parenting) and do doughnuts in the snow in the Chucky Cheese parking lot in winter since it was the only car I had at the time. What memories," Dave concluded.

Editor's note: Thanks to Dave for telling the story of how he acquired his first Porsche. What's your story? It doesn't have to be as long as Dave's but it likely is just as entertaining. Send the editor an email with your story. Beverly.jurkowski@gmail.com

Members and their Porsches continued

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Dave Treichel

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2021 in rear-view mirror

After a year of limited opportunities to enjoy our Porsches with other members, 2021 proved to be a busy year with a variety of activities. Thanks to those members who stepped up to plan our events.

Here's what our members enjoyed in 2021:

April

Tech session at Total Package

May

Spring opener at Jim and Linda's Lakeview supper club

Follow the Flower (aka a Lotus) drive

Multi-region BBQ

Autocross at Road America, hosted by the Milwaukee region

Porsches and Picnics

June

Tech session

Taycan reveal at Porsche of Fox Valley

Door County driving tour

July

DE at Road America, hosted by Milwaukee region

Parade at French Lick

Trout Springs annual potluck

Zero to 60 open house

September

Picnic at RA

October

3 marque photo rally

Treffen at the American club

Waterfalls and Schnitzels

Whaletales invited members to comment on the events they attended. Read those comments on the following pages.



Porsches parked at the Spring Opener.



Peg Homel celebrated a birthday at the Trout Springs annual potluck event.



Car talk during a break in the Waterfalls and Schnitzels tour.

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2021 in rear-view mirror continued

Joe Franzoi, Appleton, member since 2020, participated in the Waterfalls and Schnitzels tour. He said “the challenging roads and the waterfalls” were the highlight of the day.

Region member **Dave Schmitz**, Oshkosh, member since 2019, noted he attended these events: “Car Care clinic in the spring. Picnic at Road America. I loved seeing the FV members and a few new ones as well. Autocross put on by the Milwaukee region at Road America’s Motorplex. Always an amazing time. And finally, I was a Treffen volunteer as mid-sweep drier for two Door County trips. Loved the fall foliage and the fish boil at the Post Office.”

Photos this page, clockwise:

Resting during the waterfalls tour.

Drivers’ meeting before the Door County driving tour.

Fox Valley members participated in an autocross at Road America’s Motorplex. The event was hosted by the Milwaukee region.



Jim and Linda Mollon, Oshkosh, members since 1998, attended several events in 2021. "We always enjoy the start of the driving season with participating in the Spring Opener at Jim and Linda's (notice any similarity in the name?) This year over dinner we were able to join other members in coordinating a group drive to the BBQ in Elkhorn," Jim said.

The Mollons were part of the Fox Valley group that attended the Multi-Region BBQ in Elkhorn. "What a fun time with the gathering of four regions for a Woodstock of Porsche owners. Enjoyed meeting new members and being able to view such a large gathering of all makes and models of Porsches. Can't wait till next year."

Next up for the Mollons was the Door County driving Tour. "Thanks to Bob Hawley for organizing this event. For Linda and I this was our favorite event to

2021 in rear-view mirror continued

participate in this summer. Also have friends living in Sister Bay that we partied with after the event.

"We were looking forward to participating in the Trout Springs potluck, Picnic at RA and Waterfalls and Schnitzels but unfortunately things didn't work out in our favor to attend. Thanks to all members who worked to put these events together," Jim said.



Fox Valley region members found a shady spot during the multi-region BBQ in May.

2021 in rear-view mirror continued

Steve and Linda Paradiso Kline, Eagle River, Mich., members since 2015, were among the many Fox Valley region members who volunteered for the Treffen event.

"We volunteered for Treffen at the American Club, and were the reserve car for the Cedarburg drive. Shortly before the Treffen began, we were moved up to the sweep position when one of the other drivers could not participate," Steve said.

"The best part of the Treffen was meeting other Porsche people from all over the country. We also enjoyed seeing parts of Wisconsin we had never seen before. The Kohler Design Center was well worth visiting. We have many Kohler products, but we did not know much about the history of Kohler. We also did not know that a WWII submarine was in Manitowoc.

"We talked with participants from all over the country. Everyone was impressed with Wisconsin, and the many things to see and do in the area," he concluded.



With the sun still rising early on Oct. 14, Steve Kline took this picture of Shaun Starnes "tirelessly directing another participant to the correct staging area at the Blackwolf Run parking lot," Steve said.

2021 in rear-view mirror



Follow the Flower tour found Porsches in the company of other marques.



Tech session at VL Performance attendees.



Jim and Ellen Rossmeissl volunteered at Treffen at the American club.



Labor day weekend picnic at Road America.



Kathy and Sergio Heredia won the door prize, a wood carving made by a Milwaukee region member, at the multi-region BBQ.

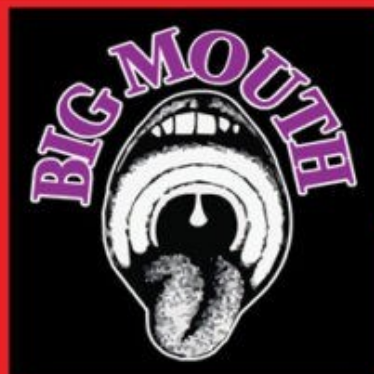


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5 years				
Bruce Backer	2016	Appleton	2017 911 Targa 4S	
Todd Kresheck	2016	Two Rivers	1991 911 Carrera 4 Cab 1991 911 Carrera 2	Iryna Kresheck

Joseph Franzoi	2020	Appleton	2021 Cayenne S	
Ardi Payan	2020	Marquette	2018 Macan GTS	
James Panzer	2019	Freedom	1974 914 1.8	
John Pujals	2017	Appleton	2018 911 Targa 4 GTS	
Dennis Timm	2013	Cecil	1988 944	Barbara Timm
Robert Dean	2009	Green Bay	2015 Cayenne	Susan Dean
Roberta Vandeveld	2015	Green Bay	1974 914 1.8	Jennifer Eis
Dennis Kepchar	2002	Sturgeon Bay	2008 911 Carrera 2018 Macan	Connor Kepchar
Warren Beaver	1999	Nekoosa	1998 Boxster	Joyce Beaver
Roy Geigel	1994	Manitowoc	1982 911 SC 2000 911 Carrera	Darlene Geigel
Gerald Wetter	1965	Appleton		Deborah Wetter

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Porsche earns top spot for sales satisfaction in 2021 J.D. Power study

Nov. 10, 2021 — For the third time in four years, new car customers rated Porsche as the top premium brand in the J.D. Power 2021 U.S. Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study. This follows two previous wins this year in key J.D. Power studies: Porsche was number one among premium brands in both the 2021 Customer Service Index (CSI) Study and 2021 Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study.

In the annual SSI Study, Porsche regained the top spot that it held consecutively in 2018 and 2019. The brand's overall score of 833 points improved by eight points over 2020 to lead both the premium and mass market categories.

Fantastic response

"This is a fantastic response from our growing community of Porsche customers, built on the dedication and creativity of our dealers. To both I have to say a big 'Thank you!'" said Kjell Gruner, president and CEO of PCNA. "Together with our dealers nationwide, we continue to invest in dealerships as destinations, enhancing

our digital retail touchpoints and strengthening the Porsche culture and sense of community among our customer base. I am grateful to see customers feeling ever more at home and well cared for as they select their dream Porsche."

The SSI Study provides an analysis of the purchase experience from a customer perspective. It is based on responses from 35,387 people who purchased or leased new vehicles between March and May 2021.

New car buying process

Customers rated brands on various aspects of the new car buying process. Favorable responses for Porsche were led by dealership personnel, the delivery process and working out the details of the transaction. The brand was also ranked above its peers in its effectiveness in explaining the features of new cars to customers.

Through the first nine months of the year, PCNA U.S. retail deliveries achieved a record of 51,615 vehicles, 29.9 percent higher than in January-September 2020 and 14.5 percent better than the same period in the pre-pandemic year 2019.

Source: Porsche Cars North America Newsroom.

https://newsroom.porsche.com/en_US.html



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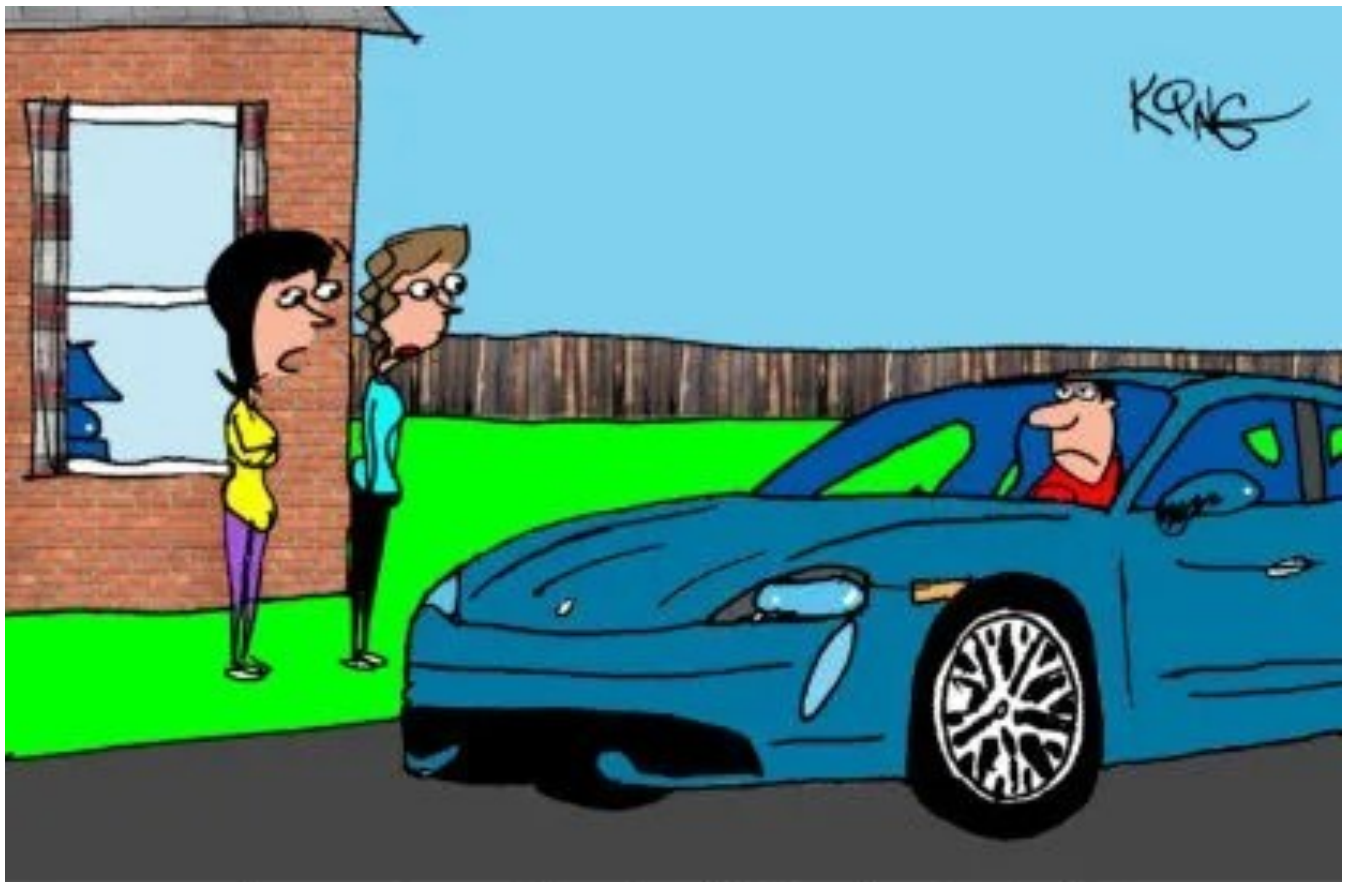
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"We have a lot of family visiting for the holidays. Sitting in his Porsche helps him deal with the misery."

Credit: FlatSixes.com

Photo of the month



John Beck's Seal Grey Metallic 2002 911