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From the editor's desk

Welcome to the latest edition of the next chapter in the Whaletales story. As you are all aware, Bev stepped up and for the past few years did an exemplary job building Whaletales into a monthly newsletter everyone in the region could be proud of. We hope to keep the membership informed of region news and upcoming events. The position of full-time Whaletales editor is open so if anyone has a desire to become more involved in the club and would like to take on the role, or even just contribute an article or photos, feel free to reach out to Curt or Shaun.

From the President — Happy New Year to all of you!



I hope you all have had time during the holidays to spend time with your family and friends. This is the time of year when our family, like so many others, travel to spend time with relatives who live farther away or host family and friends visiting us here.

The weather has finally decided to shift to the dead cold of winter. No more teasing us with tolerable temperatures, we are now firmly locked into the normal temperatures for this time of year. The cold snap in early December had some of the club members who had signed up for the Holiday Party stay home because of the bitter cold temperatures. Those who braved the cold had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed the conversation during the social hour before dinner. After the dinner, we concluded the silent auction and raised nearly \$700 for charity which the club will match as we have done in the past.

As we move into the new year, we will begin filling up the calendar with events. The first event of the year is the coffee and cars gathering in Marquette Michigan. Dee and Shaun Stamnes host this event again this year. The date has been selected but the details are not yet firmed up. Please keep an eye on the Events Calendar for more details next month.

We are also working on the New Members Recognition Dinner. The dinner will be held at Graystone Ale House in De Pere on the February 17th from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Please RSVP to Dee Stamnes at dstamnes@netnet.net if you plan to attend.

The results of the election voting is in. The board and the officers of the club remain the same for 2026. For the coming year we are looking for more input from the members. Was there an event you enjoyed and would like to see repeated? Is there another event, drive or activity you would like to see us add or consider? We would love to get your feedback and suggestions.

If you haven't seen the news yet, as of January 1st Porsche has a new CEO, Dr. Michael Leiters. Leiters takes over from Oliver Blume who stepped down as CEO to focus on his role as CEO of Volkswagen. Blume was performing a dual roll as CEO to both organizations until Lieter's appointment. Dr. Lieter was previously CEO at McLaren and prior to that was CTO at Ferrari. Dr. Leiters has previous experience with Porsche having been there from 2000 to 2013. He was involved in developing the Cayenne Hybrid. Dr. Leiter inherits the same series of challenges facing all of the European automakers including slowing sales in China, EV market pressures, US Tariffs and a need to balance electrification with performance.

As an interesting side note to the cover and back photos in this edition, which are appropriate for the season we are currently in, they were taken during July at the Porsche Arctic Center in Levi Finland.

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Calendar of events

February

Feb 14th – Coffee and Cars in Marquette MI – 10 AM at Contrast Coffee in Marquette 600 N 3rd St.



Feb 17th – New Members dinner at the Graystone Ale House in De Pere – 5:00-9:00 PM

March

April

May

May 15-17th – Spring Vintage Weekend at Road America

June

June 5-7th – Weathertech SCCA June Sprints at Road America

June 14-20th – Porsche Parade in Lake Placid New York – Registration Opens January 28th 2026

July

July 16-19th – Weathertech Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman at Road America

July 30-Aug 2 – Motul SportsCar Endurance Grand Prix Featuring IMSA at Road America

August

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September

Sept 18-20th – Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend at Road America

Coffee and Cars Events

Other cars and coffee events around the region are added here for the benefit and enjoyment of our membership. To have an event added send it to the newsletter editors. It is early in the season but this page will fill up soon



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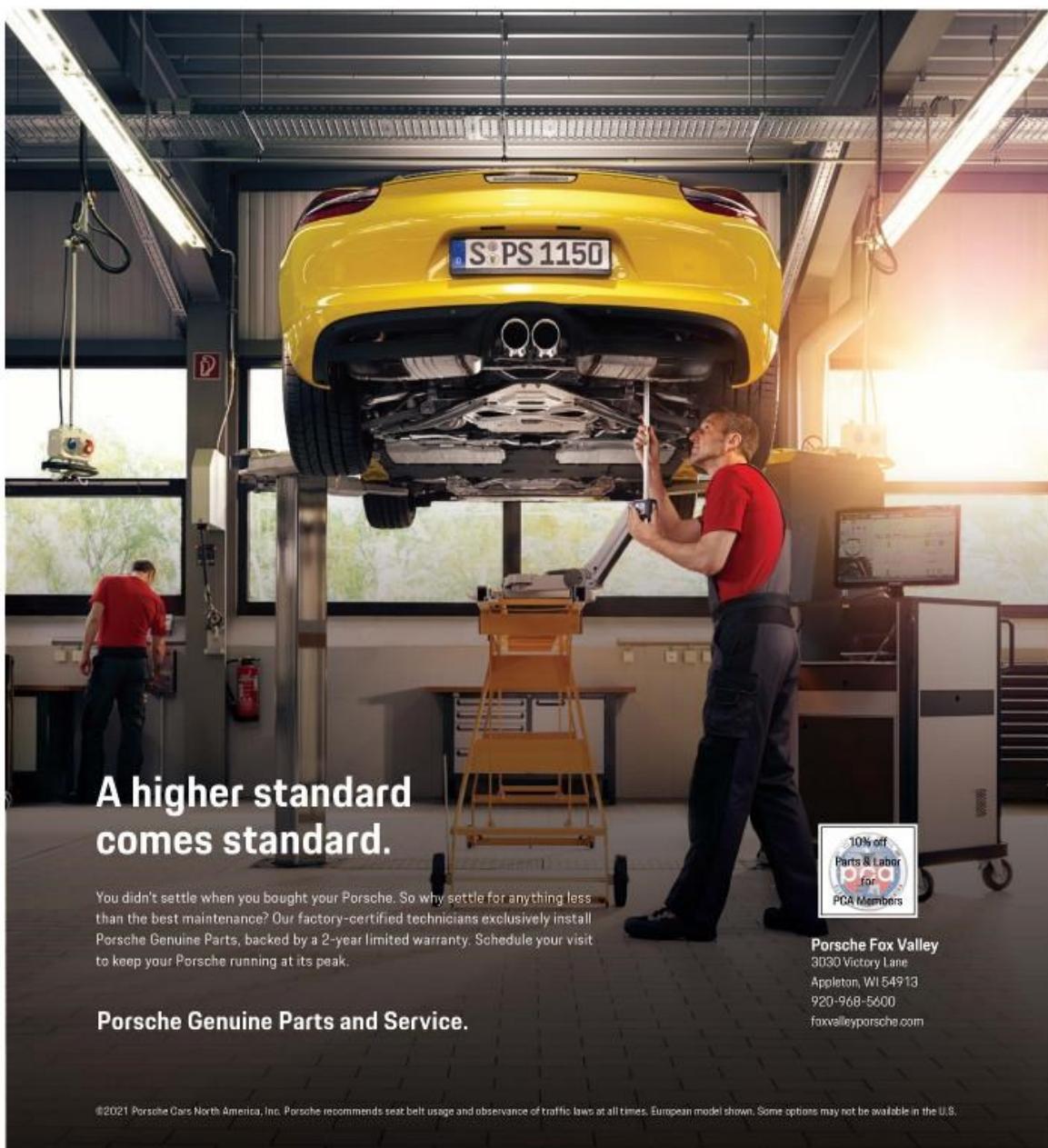
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- Chris and Karen Stout from Egg Harbor transferred from Chicago Region with a 1999 911 Carrera
- Justin Williquette joined from Green Bay with a 1985 928S
- Daniel and Amy Christensen joined from Appleton with a 2006 911 Carrera
- Peter Victor From Oshkosh joined with a 2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet
- Karen Fish and Gus Vlahadakis from Green Bay transferred from Gulfstream Region with a 2019 Cayenne Turbo



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From our Social Chairperson

Happy New Year FVR PCA members! Looking forward to a year of fun activities! If you have a great driving route, restaurant for dinner or other fun event idea we are always looking for new adventures! Any member can sponsor/arrange a drive, dinner night or event and I am happy to assist with getting the news and details out to the membership or info to Andrew for insurance for a drive. Upcoming events in the works will be a Cars and Coffee in Marquette, MI on February 14th and the 2026 New Member Recognition dinner night February 17th. Details are in the events calendar of the newsletter. We are also looking to put together a weekend drive this year in the UP as we have had some interest expressed in doing this again. Let's get out there and enjoy the ride in 2026!!

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Car not listed	Trevor Eenigenburg	2023	2024 911 Carrera T
Ardi Payan	Travis Meyer	2023	2002 Boxster
2018 Macan GTS	Lawrence Jensen and Muh Iksan Muchtar	2023	2019 911 Turbo
Joseph Franzoi	Stephan and Sharon Bejvan	2022	2019 718 Boxster GTS
2021 Cayenne S	Chris Flannigan	2022	1986 911 Carrera
10 Years (2015)	Douglas and Laura Stewart	2022	1984 944
Roberta Vandeveld and Jennifer Eis 1974 914	Keith Kostecke	2022	2023 Macan S
Todd and Iryna Krescheck 1991 91 Carrera 4 Cabrio	David and Diane Sparr	2022	2017 Cayenne S
20 Years (2005)	Matt and Sharon Bolin	2021	2023 Macan
Bill and Patricia Dercks 1976 911 S	Michael Stutz	2021	2006 Cayman S
	Mark and Teresa Johnson	2021	2001 Boxster S
	Kenneth and Jonah Bixby	2021	2004 Boxster S Special Ed
	James Panzer	2018	1974 914
	Albert Dorsch	2017	1986 911 Carrera
	John Pujals and Mary Kay Breitng-Pujals	2016	2018 911 Targa 4 GTS
	Chris Schmidt & Nikki Pieczynski	2016	2003 Boxster
	Grant Maiman	2016	2014 Cayman
	John Kline & Linda Paradiso-Kline	2014	2013 911 Carrera
	Wallace MacMullen	2014	2008 Boxster
	Albert Fisher	2007	2008 Boxster
	Michael and Allyson Wenzlick	2006	2008 911 Carrera S Cabrio
	Lothar and Karen Mueller	2004	2024 Macam S
	Richard and Evan Elrod	2004	2018 911 Carrera T
	Jon Bartol	2003	2006 911 Carrera \$S Cab
	Dennis and Connor Kepchar	2001	2008 911 Carrera
	Warren and Joyce Beaver	1998	1998 Boxster
	Roy and Darlene Geigel	1994	1982 911 SC
	Thomas and Kathleen Robl	1991	2007 Cayman



2025 region/zone leadership

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Vice president:

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Steve Groddy
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Treasurer/social media chair:

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Membership chair/social chair:

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Newsletter:

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Zone 13:

Todd Benz



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Our Club Holiday Party



We had 39 attendees brave the elements for our 2025 Holiday Party despite the cold weather! Great food, friends and festivities! Thank you to all who donated items for the silent auction tables! We were able to raise \$666 that will be donated to a charity chosen from those suggested by the members! Another \$50 was raised with donations and club match for a charity of choice for Porsche clothing donated by Peg and Joe Homel as well. Steve Cornett was voted Enthusiast of the Year - a well-deserved award! Congratulations Steve!! Dee Stammes was voted Member of the Year. The Board of Directors and officers will remain unchanged for 2026. Wishes for a Happy New Year!



Above photo—members at the party dinner

Left—Dee Stammes accepts her plaque for member of the year for her efforts as the Club's Social Chairperson

Right—Steve Cornett accepting his plaque for Enthusiast of the Year





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