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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 — Spring has only been teasing us!



I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the recent warm spell. The club held two events this month. Dee and Shaun Stamnes hosted the first event of the year in Marquette MI.

Dee and Shaun always head to the UP this time of year for the dog sled races and while there host a cars and coffee. I can't thank them enough for taking their time on Valentines Day to host that. The other event was the new members dinner at Graystone Ale House. About 20 members gathered for that event.

We have started planning the spring opener. Normally this would be at Jim and Linda's. This year we will be switching things up and hold that event at a new restaurant. There will be more details on that hopefully in the next newsletter once we have the details worked out with the restaurant.

The calendar is starting to fill up with new events and the cars and coffee calendar is starting to fill up as new events are published by the various venues. If you are aware of an event you think the club would be interested in, please forward it along to us.

Steve and Andrea DeBaker have sent us the date for the Trout Springs Winery Potluck. Please see the details on page 8 and note the date of the event. They ask that all planning to attend RSVP and let them know what you are planning to bring as a dish to pass. The patio at the winery is lovely and we had a great time last year. This year the statuary will be in place and there will be non-lethal ax throwing. Should be interesting.

The next newsletter will have some information from our annual trip to Los Angeles for Porsche week and the Stoddard Toy and Literature show. That show has evolved to include restoration parts suppliers other than just Stoddard. Normally, the highlights of this trip are the visits to the various Porsche shops in the LA area and the 356 Clubs car show and swap meet.

This year there are two additional events. Rod Emory, the builder of many 356 Outlaw cars and respected 356 expert will be hosting an open house in honor of his father who passed away last year. Emory almost never opens their shop to the public so this is a special event. Magnus Walker will also be opening his warehouse and car collection during this event. Walker is a well known collector and outlaw modifier of all the early Porsche models. Magnus has started auctioning off some of his extensive car collection. The next auction from RM Southebys will include 924, 944 and 911 models. Worth a look even if bidding isn't something you would do. All of these cars are fully restored and often optimized to their full potential.

The 356 Club Swap Meet is always great for making contacts or finding those hard to locate parts. The shop tours provide great contacts for folks working on early cars.

There are some other events in the works but the details of those will be made available once all of the details are finalized.

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Calendar of events



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 26th – Annual Porsche Potluck at Trout Springs Winery. For more info see Page 8 – [Link here](#)

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



May

May 9th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave Suamico Wi – [Info here](#)

June

June 13th – Throttle Stop 8:00 – 11:00 AM Elkhart Lake – [Info here](#)

July

July 11th – Throttle Stop 8:00 – 11:00 AM Elkhart Lake – [Info here](#)

August

Aug 8th – Throttle Stop 8:00 – 11:00 AM Elkhart Lake – [Info here](#)

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From our Social Chairperson

The Annual Trout Springs Potluck will be held on July 26th at the winery. Last year Steve DeBaker show us some of the Italian statuary that he is installing at the winery. This year they have added ax throwing. The axes are non lethal, made of plastic, and Steve says they create a fun competition. The time for the potluck is 1:00 PM. Everyone will be required to bring a dish to pass around, and Trout Springs Winery will do Annie's famous hamburgers. People can call ahead to coordinate dishes, or tell us what they will be bringing when they RSVP. Please RSVP by July 19th so Steve and Andrea can plan for the head count. The Winery is located at 8150 River Rd, Greenleaf, WI 54126. You can RSVP by calling the winery or by emailing stevenjosephdebaker@gmail.com. The website link can be found at this [link](#).

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Steven and Beth Groddy
1987 944

15 Years (2011)

Mike Stewart 1968 912

Member / Co-Member	Year joined	Porsches
Terry and Nan Bush	2025	2009 911 Carrera S Cab
Craig Sachs	2025	2006 911 Carrera 4S Cab
Ross Schmelzer	2025	2018 Macan GTS
Jason Ray	2022	2001 911Carrera
Eric Heinze	2022	1986 944 Turbo
Jeff Wachs	2022	1986 944
Jim and Carol Poklasny	2019	2016 Cayman GT4
Pete Smits	2018	2018 718 Boxster S
Neil Gillespie	2017	2005 911Turbo S Cab
John and Colleen Apps	2016	2000 911 Carrera Cab
Steve and Andrea DeBaker	2006	1984 911 Carrera
Gary and Hally Rosenbeck	2003	1997 911 Carrera
Mark an Maureen Wallenfang	1989	1984 911 Carrera
Michael and Kathleen Mayhew	1973	1972 911E



Welcome to our new members

- Peter Victor from Oshkosh joined our region with a 2000 911Carrera Cabriolet
- Chris Goggin from DePere transferred into the region from Nord Stern with a 2006 911 Carrera
- Ryan Kehl from Appleton joined our region with a 1984 944
- Patrick Murphy from Neenah transferred into the region from Maverick with a 2013 911 Carrera S
- Jason Wagner from Two Rivers joined our region with a 2020 718 Cayman GT4
- Thomas Miller joined the region as a Test Drive Member

2025 region/zone leadership

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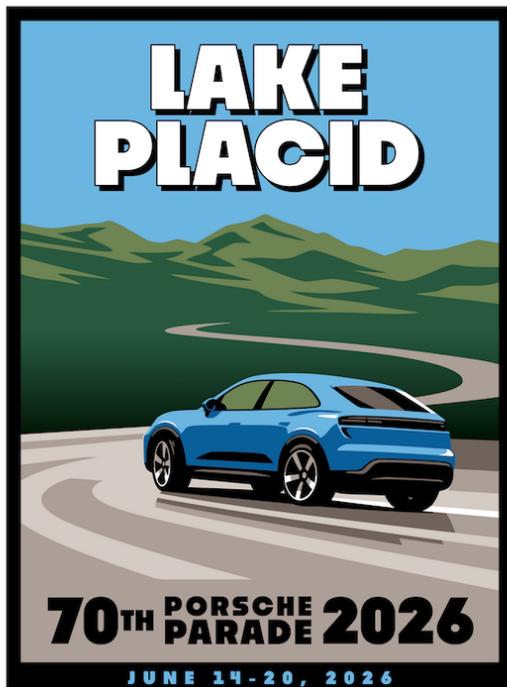
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