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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!



Will the weather roller coaster ever end? Between the snow and the warm temperatures I don't know when the snow tires will come off and the summer ones will go back on, but the

warm weather keeps teasing me to get the Cayman and 914s out for a run. The fun will start soon enough. For now I just need to get the shop ready for the new lifts that will be installed shortly.

We had the zone presidents meeting earlier this month in Chicago. The Chicago region hosted the meeting at Black Dog Speed Shop which is a combination race team, restoration shop and car dealership. They had some amazing restoration and modified cars on display as well as several beautiful cars for sale. I would like to thank Dana Comolli from the Chicago region and Todd Benz our Zone rep for setting up this meeting. It is our annual in person meeting as region presidents to compare notes and meet with a representative from PCA national for updates.

The spring opener will be moving this year to a new location. Keep an eye on the newsletter for a date and more information soon.

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 coffee and cars events are beginning to appear on calendars for the various clubs and auto related businesses that host them. As these are brought to my attention I'll get them added to the newsletter.

Last month a group of club members and friends headed out to LA for the annual Porsche week that leads up to the Stoddard Toy and Literature Show. We took bus tours to about a dozen shops over two days and also attended open house events at both Magnus Walker's and Rod Emory's shops. Magnus Walker had a display of the cars from his collection that are going to auction. Rod Emory opened his workshop to host a memorial for his father Gary who passed away last year. Rod also announced his shop will be moving about an hour outside Los Angeles to expand and allow more customers to visit. There are some photos of these visits in the newsletter.

There are some other events in the works and the details of those will be made available once all of the details are finalized. If you have an idea for a social location or a location for a coffee and cars drop me an email with the suggested location.

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Calendar of events

April

May

TBD We are still working on a date for the Spring Opener

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 Opened 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

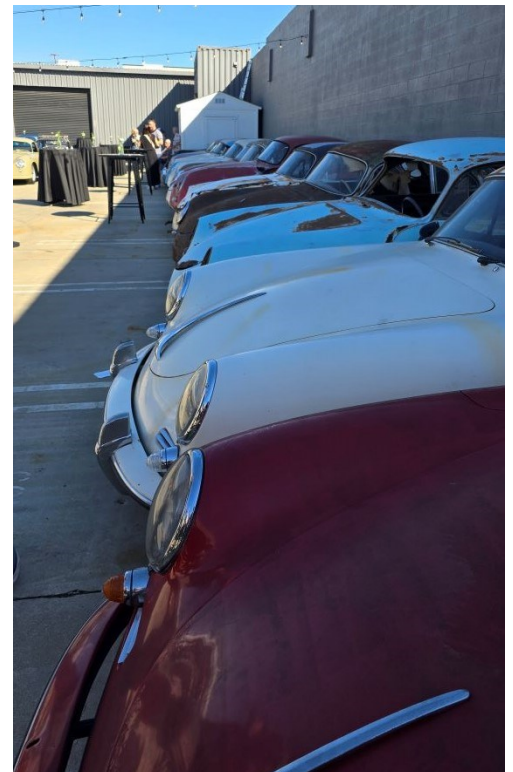
August

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

September

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

Photos from the Open House at Rod Emory's Backerei shop in memory of his father Gary Emory who passed away last year. Many cars in various states of restoration were on display along with special engines built for the outlaw cars.



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



April

April 18th – Classic Mechanics 520 E Northland Ave, Appleton 8:00-11:00 – [Info here](#)

April 26th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

May

May 9th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

May 31st – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

June

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

June 13th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

June 28th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

July

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

July 11th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

July 26th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

August

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

Aug 8th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

Aug 30th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

September

Sept 12th – Throttle Stop 8:00 – 11:00 AM Elkhart Lake – [Info here](#)

Sept 12th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

Sept 27th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

October

Oct 10th – Woodfield Motor Condos 2096 Deerfield Ave, Suamico Wi 9:00-12:00 – [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 them 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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Member / Co-Member	Year joined	Porsches
Ronald and Sandra Fletcher	2025	2017 Cayenne GTS
Mike Abhold	2024	2019 Turbo S
Marc Lemke	2024	2006 911 Carrera 4S Cab
Michael Bahrke	2022	2019 718 Cayman
Justin Rollin	2022	911 Carrera S Cab
Robert and Cynthia Ross	2022	2007 Boxster S
Fred and Chris Dominski	2022	2014 911 Carrera 4 S Cab
Michel Haddad	2019	2017 911, Turbo S
Mick Barron	2018	2001 911 Carrera
Bob and Roxanne Zach	2013	1968 911 L
John and Elizabeth Beck	2007	2002 911 Carrera
James and Linda Mollon	2005	1986 911 Carrera
Gary Friederich	2003	2011 Cayman
Bruce and Robin Harvey	1994	1989 944 S2
Georg Pavlovics	1986	944 Turbo
Harvey and Vickie Poling	1987	1970 914
David Savu	1980	(Car not listed)
Charles and Randall Johnson	1972	1957 356



Welcome to our new members

- Stephan Desmoulin joined from Cleveland WI with a 2020 718 Cayman GT4
- David and Shannon Friedman joined from Sobieski WI with a 2003 911 Carrera 4S
- Jason Wagner joined from Two Rivers WI with a 2020 718 Cayman GT4

2025 region/zone leadership

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Zone 13:

Todd Benz



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National PCA website: <http://www.pca.org>
Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PCA-Fox-Valley-609790356034849/?ref=bookmarks>

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Photos of the cars going to auction from Magnus Walker's collection on display at the open house at his shop during the Stoddard Lit and Toy show week



Classifieds

Please send any Porsche or club related for sale items along with a photo to the editor for publication in the monthly newsletter. Ads will run for three months.

For sale:

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Cars at the 356 Club swap meet at Empi for the car show in conjunction with the swap



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AX Q&A

Fox Valley region members are invited to a fun day of autocross at Road America's Motorplex on May 3. The event is hosted by the PCA Milwaukee region. For those who are new to autocross, here's a Q&A that covers the topic.

What is autocross?

It's a timed, relatively low-speed, driving event on a short course with some elevation changes, turns and some straightaways. Drivers are timed as they negotiate the course. Participants are sent out on the course at intervals so there are no more than two out on the course at one time and those two are separated by several minutes.

Who can attend?

Anyone with a valid driver's license – minor drivers (less than 18 yrs old) must have a driver's license and have a Minors Waiver form signed by a parent or guardian for the event.

What cars are allowed?

Porsche and non-Porsche vehicles are allowed. Sorry no EVs and SUVs for this event. Convertibles are allowed, however if the car is heavily modified you will need to have a roll bar or roll over protection system in working order. If your car has racing harness you must have a neck protection Hans device.

Is it a competition?

Yes but it's all for fun and there are no wheel to wheel racing – cars go one at the time. First, you are competing against yourself...trying to be faster than your last best run. And there is also competition among the participants as drivers are grouped into classes based on the vehicle they are driving. For example, 911 drivers are in one group; Boxster/Cayman drivers are in another group, etc. There may be subgroups within the major groups as well. Awards for the fastest time in each group are usually awarded and there may be a fastest time of the day award as well.

Does my car need special equipment?

No. It needs to be mechanically sound with good brakes and tires, and no leaks. Working brake lights, secure battery, working seat belts, lug nuts and bolts torqued. No loose items in the vehicle.

Do I need special equipment?

Yes, a helmet. Valid 10 years from year manufactured:

- Helmets must be certified in accordance with one of the following standards: Snell SA or SAH, FIA for racing automobiles, SFI 31.1, or BS6658-85 type A/FR

- Helmets expire at the end of the 10th year after the year of manufacture.

Our [autocross page](#) has information on where you can purchase your own helmet.

What about clothing and footwear?

Clothing: long pants such as jeans or cotton-based pants are best suited to protect against fire, albeit pretty rare in autocross settings. 100% synthetic clothing should be avoided.

Footwear: No open-toed sandals, flip flops or otherwise loose fit footwear.

What else should I bring?

Bring your own beverages and hydrate often. If you don't drink enough to go to the bathrooms during the day, you're not drinking enough. Bring a lunch or other snacks. Depending on the day, Road America may have a concession stand open where you can purchase food. That may not be the case so be prepared to have something with you.

Am I required to work the course?

Yes, we do have volunteers, but everyone is expected to work at least as a corner worker between sessions to help reset cones that may have been hit by competitors and flag drivers to slow down as needed to ensure safety and fun for everyone. Work assignments will be provided the day of the event.

What is the day like?

8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Check-in and Car Tech Inspection Bring all required forms, including [Tech Inspection Form](#).

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.: Walk the Course

9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.: Drivers' Meeting. At this meeting we will assign groups, with the intent that when one group drives, the other works the course and vice versa.

10 a.m.: First cars out. You will have one session in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Lunch break around noon.

More runs in the afternoon.

Event concludes around 4 p.m. followed by awards ceremony for the top drivers of each class.

Because we limit the number of registered cars, we aim to have a lot of runs in each session!

I've never done AX. Will I have an instructor for my first run?

We have limited instructors available and you can request one, however it's so easy to follow the track at the Road America Motorplex, that you probably won't need one.

How do I sign up?

Go to <https://msreg.com/pca-mke-may3-ax>

I don't want to run in the event, but can I volunteer?

Absolutely, please contact auto-cross@porschepark.org and we'll be happy to have your help with:

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Are you a Porsche owner who cherishes the precision engineering, the exhilarating performance, and the pure driving joy your car delivers? Have you ever wondered what your magnificent machine truly feels like at its limits, or how your own driving skills stack up in a controlled, safe environment?

Then get ready to experience your Porsche in a whole new dimension, because the Milwaukee region is inviting you to its High-Performance Driver Education event (HPDE).



This isn't just another car show or a casual cruise. This is your opportunity to truly connect with your Porsche and elevate your driving prowess. Our HPDE is designed specifically for owners who want to explore the incredible capabilities of their vehicles, all while under the guidance of professional instructors.

Imagine mastering cornering techniques, perfecting your braking points, and understanding the nuances of weight transfer – all on a dedicated racetrack where safety is paramount and the only limit is your willingness to learn and push yourself.

This exciting day will bring you closer to your car and improve your skills.

The Milwaukee region's annual HPDE event at Road America is on Aug. 21. It's an all-day event that provides:

- Lots of track time (Five 30-minute sessions),
- Novice classroom sessions with Larry Boyer—he's the best,
- A chance to learn/expand the capabilities of both you and your car.

To participate, you need to register at [Motorsportreg.com](https://www.motorsportreg.com) (see below). You should also check the DE page on the Milwaukee region website for more details. On this site you will find more details about the event, learn



where to have your car tech'd and review the car prep needed to have a fun-action packed day. Note, you can have your car tech'd at any shop of your choosing.

As always, if you have any questions drop us an email at DE@porschepark.org

Registration is open here. [<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/milwaukee-pca-driver-education-de-road-america-686549>]

More about the Milwaukee region's DE event: [<https://www.porschepark.org/page/20>]

