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COVER PHOTO: Concoure d' Elegance at Porsche Parade in Lake Placid NY — Photo courtesy of PCA

BACK COVER: Cars and Community in Saranac Lake NY during Porsche Parade in Lake Placid — Photo courtesy of Fred Haaser via PCA

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 — Welcome to the summer heat wave



The heat has definitely been turned on in the last few weeks. I almost miss the cooler rainy weather from Lake Placid. As is always the case in Wisconsin, wait a minute and it will

change.

We had a great vacation in June that included Porsche Parade and a few days each in western New York state, Montreal and Quebec prior to arriving in Lake Placid. Parade in Lake Placid had its ups and downs. The Concourse d' Elegance was held on the speed skating track. It rained lightly on and off that morning, so the track was wet. Regardless, the cars on display were amazing. If you get a chance I would encourage you to check out the photo albums on the Parade website.

We had a good turn out for the Cars and Coffee in Manitowoc at Retro on Eighth. We had a couple of local people, who are not in the club, show up because they saw the cars. One woman drove her husband's 944 down to join us. I spoke with her and her daughter about the car which was in excellent shape and got the low down on the other cars they have. It turns out the owner of Retro has a Taycan, but was not a member of PCA. Todd Benz showed her how to sign up through the app so we should have a new member shortly.

I spent a bit of time in the last couple of weeks putting new springs and shocks on the 1973 914. I replaced the rear shocks with adjustable Koni coil overs from Ground Control and added adjustable Koni shocks at the front. The ride is so much smoother now.

Our next event is the Potluck at Trout Springs Winery on July 26th. The details are in the newsletter. Please RSVP with Steve or Andrea at the winery by the 19th and coordinate with them on what type of dish you are bringing. This is always a good time and if the weather cooperates the patio is a great place to sit and chat.

We have added a session at Dell's Service in Green Bay on September 23rd. Dells will have an open house for us and the Ferrari club. It's a chance to tour their facility and talk to the owners and service techs. I have heard from several members who have had good experiences getting their cars serviced at Dells, whether Porsche or other makes.

I am working with a couple of other shops to try and set up some possible tech sessions as requested by several members. If you have a suggestion for a tech session you think would be interesting, or a shop where you have had good service, forward that along and I will give them a call to see if we can set something up.

Several people I know have been heading north to Copper Harbor Michigan to vacation and enjoy the cooler weather in the UP. Keep an eye on the newsletter as there is discussion about having another driving event to Copper Harbor later this summer or early fall.

Curt Maas

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Monterey Pines Golf Course, 1250 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940 | August 14, 2026



Join us at Werks Reunion Monterey 2026!

Immerse yourself in both the Porsche cars and the people that make this marque so special

The popular Porsche show, Werks Reunion, is headed back to Monterey, CA on August 14, 2026, showcasing a breathtaking array of Porsches that are sure to excite Porsche enthusiasts! Porsche Club of America welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts, to join us for our 12th Werks Reunion Monterey. Expect to view spectacular Porsches, from rare classics to current models and everything in between. This year, we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the introduction of the 924 in 1976, as well as the series of transaxle Porsches, which will be the feature cars for Werks Reunion 2026.



More information: <https://www.werksreunion.com/monterey.cfm>



PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Calendar of events

July

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

July 17-19th – 356 Club Brats, Beers and Bathtubs – Turn 5 Road America – Info page 20

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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Aug 29 – P and B Motorsports Garage Party and Car Show – More details coming soon

September

Sept 6th – Fox Valley Region Annual Club picnic at Porsche Park at [Road America](#)

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

Sept 23 – Dells Service in Green Bay 5-7:00 PM – hosted for us and the Ferrari Club jointly

October

Oct 3 – Zuffen in the Loop – Downtown on E Chestnut Street, Burlington, WI – [Info here](#) **

Oct 4 – ZuffenGruppe Interclassic – Burlington WI – Burlington airport – [Info here](#) **



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



July

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](#)

Oct 25th – Euro Motor Mornings Luna Café Monroe Rd Bellevue 9:00-12:00 – [Info here](#)

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From Dee Stamnes, Social Chair

The Annual Trout Springs Potluck will be held on July 26th at the winery. Last year Steve DeBaker showed 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 email stevenjosephdebaker@gmail.com. The website link can be found at this [link](#).

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Gary Koehnke and Patricia
Hubert 2001 Boxster

20 Years (2006)

Steve and Andrea DeBaker
1984 911 Carrera

Matthew and Krystal
Safranski
2006 Boxster S

30 Years (1996)

James and Mary Haen
1989 911 Carrera

Member / Co-Member	Year joined	Porsche
Joshua and Shawna Smith	2025	2024 911 Carrera GTS
Stephan Nordstrom	2025	1962 356 Roadster
Ryan Szyjakowski	2025	2020 714 Cayman GT4
Kieth Klipstine	2025	2017 911 Carrera
Charlie Friedrichson	2024	2014 911 Carrera 4S
Adam and Amanda Kroener	2024	2019 GT3 RS
Steve McDonald	2023	2000 Boxster
Jeffery Blink	2022	2022 Cayenne GTS
Collin Goldschmidt	2022	2016 911 Carrera 4S
John Brunner and Deanna Genske	2022	1997 Boxster
Patrick Murphy	2020	2013 911 Carrera S
Michael and Idell Johnston	2019	2012 Cayenne
Jenice Mishler	2019	2001 Boxster
Jay and Ellen Kromholz	2018	2008 911 Carrera 4S Cab
Thomas Schiek and Heather Luczak	2018	1987 911 Carrera
Michael and Terri Spiering	2015	1980 924
Dennis and Sherry Ahlman	2013	1998 Boxster
Robert Hawley and Jennifer Blahnik	2003	1978 911 SC Targa
Bruce and Susan Simon	2000	2019 718 Boxster GTS
Gordon Skog and Debbie Houle	1997	1977 911 Turbo
James and Mary Haen	1996	1989 911 Carrera
Michael and Evan Yokers	1992	1986 911 Carrera
Michael and Kathleen Mayhew	1974	1972 911E



Welcome to our new members

Barbara Washington-Jones joined from Florence WI with a 2026 Macan GTS

Robert Limon joined from Two Rivers WI with a 1975 914 1.8L

2025 region/zone leadership

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The Lincoln Trail PCA is excited to host "Porsche Promenade" at the 100 Anniversary Mother Road Festival on September 25-27th. The cars, the music, the fun and nostalgia that Route 66 has brought to generations will return for a 25th year, rolling into historic downtown Springfield. We aim to display over 50 cars, with invitations sent to the PCA groups in Chicago, St. Louis, and Southern Indiana. Chip Foos and Dennis Gage have already confirmed to be at this event.

This event will cost you \$50 to register and display your car, you will also receive a commemorative T shirt.

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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:

Excellence Magazines from most of the original issues through today. Also, Panorama issues from June of 2015 through today.

Contact John Lazar at 715.592.3541 (Stevens Point) if interested.

For sale:

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Announcing “Suddenly, it’s 1960”, an Authentic and Historic, Time/Speed/Distance, Sports-Car, Road Rally

Participating in this rally will be like participating in a rally that was written in 1960. . .because this rally was written in 1960. Fortunately, we can consult with the person responsible for the rally. That would be me, Bruce Closser, and I have a complete rally document.

So. . .when I found the rally document among some family papers I immediately thought, "We should run this!" Keep in mind that in 1960, I was 15 years old and did not possess a driver's license. But, I did know how to drive (I learned when I was 9) so what could possibly go wrong? This is a Time-Speed-Distance rally. IT IS NOT A RACE! Entrants are two-person teams – a driver and a navigator – and a car. Entrants will receive a set of written instructions for navigating the course and the average speeds to be maintained through the various segments. For example, "Turn right at the blue house and maintain 47 mph." "But", you may protest, "what if the blue house is now white, or what if it was tragically destroyed by fire in 1983?" Yes, I would agree, that would be a problem. Good luck.

Presumably, I will have carefully navigated the course and produced clear and logical edits to the instructions that will resolve any potential problems. (This would not be my presumption, but feel free to make it your own.) Teams begin with 1,000 points. At the conclusion of the rally, points will be deducted for being above or below the official distance (10 points per mile) and above or below the official finishing time (20 points per minute). There also are questions along the route to be answered and points are deducted for incorrect (or smart-ass) answers. The team with the highest point total wins.

So, yes, stopwatches, pencils and maps, a working odometer (required) and a legal-size clipboard may be useful. In fact, I will allow virtually any written or human sources, maps, or devices, as long as they were available to the general public in 1960. Obviously, I cannot enforce this rule, but the fun in this rally is to get through it without using the Internet or cellphone. There is no fee to enter but please let me know if you are attending, so I know how many to plan for.
bclosser7@gmail.com

The date is Saturday, July 25,. First car starts at 11:00. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Location: Lake Street, former power-plant site, next to South Beach, across from Drifa Brewery. Regarding your car: ALL sports cars welcome. if you think it's a sports car – it's a sports car. Bring it! Special recognition for 1960 and older sports cars. So bring that Porsche 356, MG TC, Jaguar XK-120 or Mercedes Benz 300SL gullwing coupe or whatever is gathering dust in your garage.

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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>]



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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

Autocross #2 is Aug. 30 at Road America – and it's a big one!

We're back at Road America on Aug. 30, right in the middle of the GT World Challenge America weekend. Come run your Porsche at the Motorplex (Go Cart track), then spend your downtime watching pro-level racing between sessions. Hard to beat that combo.

Big news: Porsche SUVs and EVs are officially welcome. Road America is letting us run Porsche EVs for the first time – yes, really. It's because this group behaves so well and everyone's had such a great time together. If enough EVs sign up, we'll set up a dedicated EV class. So don't sit on this one – register early and help make that happen.

Why you should register now, not later: The Central Region is joining us that day for their season opener, and we run a small, fun group on purpose – it keeps the day relaxed and maximizes everyone's seat time (we're aiming for 10-12+ runs per car). Spots really will go fast. Fox Valley region members should join us too.

Still on the fence? Here's why you shouldn't be:

- **You'll fit right in.** No experience needed – this group is famously welcoming.
- **Your Porsche is welcome here.** Whatever you drive, we want to see it on course.
- **No helmet? No problem.** Road America has rentals, and several of us have spares too – just ask ahead.
- **Tech inspection is easy.** Do it yourself in your driveway, no shop visit required.
- **Low risk, low cost.** Just \$60, and you can cancel up to a week out, no questions asked.

You've got this. I've watched you handle the PCA Tours – autocross will feel completely natural. And here's the thing: we run these events *for you*. The club doesn't make money on autocross – we do it purely to give you a great day out. So don't overthink it, just come join us.

Worried your car isn't "an autocross car"? It is. You're driving a machine that cruises at 150+ mph all day and handles the tightest switchbacks in the Alps without blinking. Road America's Motorplex track will be a walk in the park by comparison.

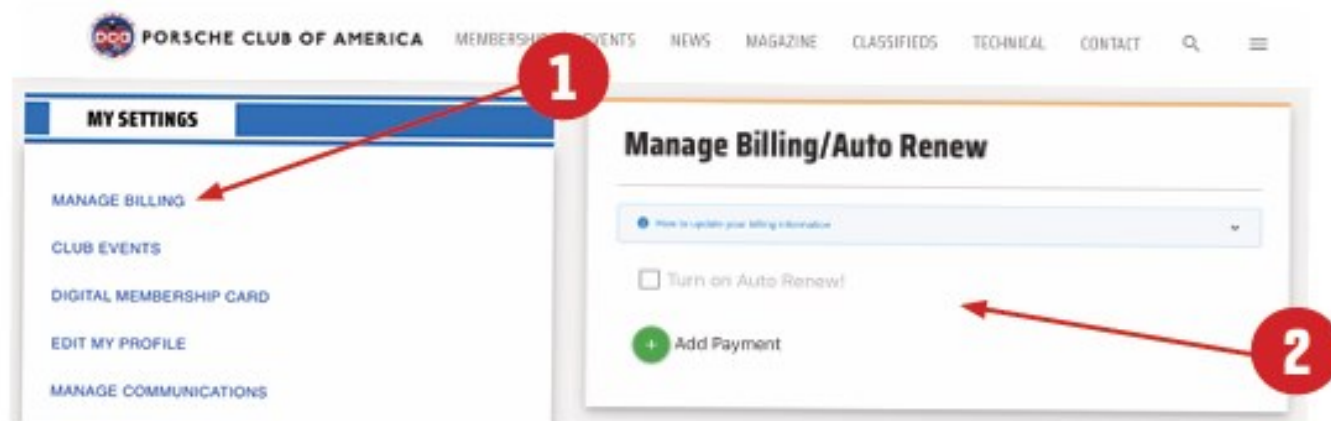
Want to help instead of (or in addition to) running? We're always looking for volunteers – email autocross@porschepark.org and join the crew that makes these days happen.

Sign up here. [Milwaukee Region PCA August 30th Autocross](#)



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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA

2026 WI 356 Club – Brats, Beers & Bathtubs

July 17–19, 2026 | Road America – Turn 5

Rooted in tradition and fueled by passion, the **2026 WI 356 Club Brats, Beers & Bathtubs Weekend** returns to **Road America, July 17–19, 2026**, at **Turn 5** to celebrate the cars that started it all.

Set at the legendary Road America, this gathering honors the craftsmanship, simplicity, and racing spirit that define the Porsche 356, where vintage machinery feels right at home on hallowed ground. Over three summer days, friends old and new will come together among iconic air-cooled Porsche cars, Wisconsin brats, and the unmistakable atmosphere of one of America's great road courses. It is more than an event. It is a rolling tribute to heritage, camaraderie, and the joy of driving, exactly as Ferry intended.

Eligible Cars

Parking is open to:

Any original Porsche air-cooled car 50 years and older

Examples include: **356, early 911, 912, and 914**

Parking Pass Information

Parking Pass: \$25.00

Only 50 total passes available

Good for all three days: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

Reminder: Parking is limited to original Porsche air-cooled cars 50 years and older.

RSVP Required

Please RSVP to **Andrew H. Opička** no later than **July 7, 2026**.

When responding, please include:

- Your name
 - The car you plan to bring
- The dates you plan to attend: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or all three days

RSVP Only by email: andrew@opicka.com

Event Schedule

Friday, July 17

Private Parking Only

Parking passes required

Saturday, July 18

Parking + Goodie Store + Brats, Beers & Bathtubs

Food and refreshments will be served under the tent:

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

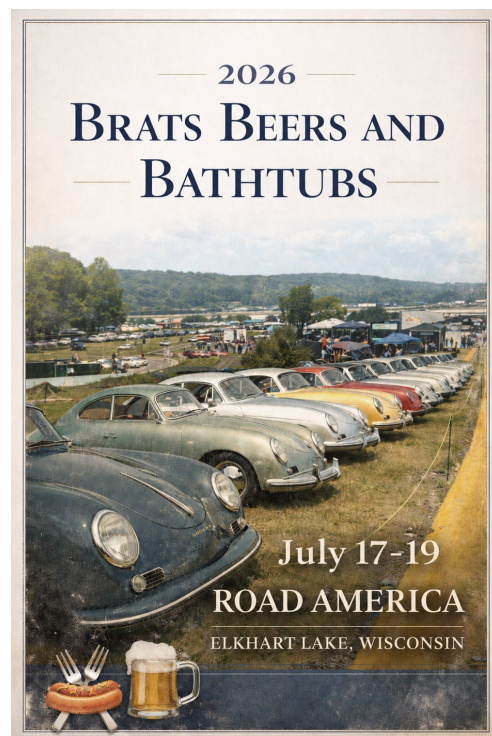
Brats, chips, water, and soda

Parking passes required

Sunday, July 19

Private Parking Only

Parking passes required



Road America Admission & Paddock Passes

As in past years, each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own Road America admission ticket. You may purchase a one-day, two-day, or full-event admission ticket. Tickets may be purchased online in advance or at the main gate on the day you arrive.

Each attendee bringing an eligible vintage Porsche into the paddock is also responsible for purchasing a \$25.00 WI 356 Club Paddock Pass. This laminated pass is good for the entire event and must be clearly displayed on your dashboard in order to enter and park in the paddock.

Please purchase both your Road America admission ticket and your WI 356 Club laminated paddock pass at the Main Gate.

Parking Location

Once you enter the paddock, **Turn 5 will be on your right**. You will see the tent and our roped-off parking area.

Please look for volunteers, who will assist with parking your car.

We need to have cars at Turn 5 **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**. By mid-to-late morning, race cars begin to consume the paddock road, and we want to ensure everyone remains safe.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns, text or email: **Andrew H. Opička** 920.217.1010 andrew@opicka.com

