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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 — Fall is sending us the crisp weather



It was a cool and misty morning for the club picnic at Road America on Labor Day weekend. None the less, we had a good turnout and the weather turned sunny just after we finished

lunch. Thank you to everyone who turned out for the event. I hope you enjoyed the barbeque, the conversation and the cars.

The P&B Motorsports Garage Party was also a wet event. Members from the British Car Club, our club, Zero to 60 and friends of the team at P&B enjoyed the display of cars, a drive led by the British club, lunch and a presentation by Colin Comer. Colin talked about car valuation, using Bring a Trailer to buy or sell a car and how to get the best value if you are listing a car.

The next event on the calendar is the Open House at Dell's Service Center in Green Bay. That event is on September 23rd from 5 to 7 PM. The facility at Dell's is impressive. We ask that you RSVP if you are planning on attending. Dell's has invited our club and the Ferrari club for this event. The Dell's team has an excellent evening planned. You can find more details on page 17.

The Michigan UP tour to Copper Harbor will be the weekend of September 25th. There are details on page 4 of this newsletter. The drive is twisty and winding and the scenery is fantastic. RSVP soon as the hotel is may already have filled up. There are additional hotel options available. If you are looking at a fun fall drive this is the one.

You are invited to display your German automobile at the Autoberfest event at the Automobile Gallery in Green Bay on October 3rd. If you register your German car you will receive two wristbands for each registration. There is no fee if you register your car and the benefits include admission, free tour of the facility and access to the indoor facilities. Interesting fact, the Speedster on the event flyer belongs to club member Jim Stephenson.

The 6th annual Waterfalls and Schnitzel tour is scheduled for October 10th. Details on this drive are on page 4 of this newsletter as well. As usual we will meet at the BP station in Little Suamico and then drive to the furthest north of the falls. We finish for dinner at the Bavarian Inn in Lena after visiting 5 waterfalls.

There is a dinner being arranged in November that will be hosted by Steve and Andrea DeBaker. We will get that date and further details out to you as soon as we have them locked in.

Finally, the annual Holiday Party is set for December 5th so mark your calendars, hold that date and send in your RSVPs.

Curt Maas

President

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Fall tour to the Keweenaw Peninsula and Copper Harbor

After much planning, the dates are set for the 2026 Fall Tour to the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan! The dates are Friday September 25 thru Sunday September 27, 2026.

Rooms are currently available at the King Copper in Copper Harbor MI. You can reserve a room by calling them directly at 906-284-4594. **NOTE:** The King Copper does not allow for us to hold a block of rooms so if you are interested, you should reserve your room as soon as possible. Once you have reserved your room, email Dee at dstamnes@netnet.net so we have a head count for dinner. The number of rooms available is getting very small so here are a couple of other local Motels you can try if the King Copper is full by the time you call: Bella Vista Motel: 906-289-4213 or the Brockway Inn: 906-289-4588

We will plan on departing from the Shell gas station located at 213 E Frontage Rd, Little Suamico, WI 54141. This is the same spot we depart from for the Waterfall Tour. Departure is planned for 09:00 am.

Some plans are still in the works, however we are having a group dinner at the Harbor Haus restaurant in Copper Harbor Friday night at 6:00 pm EDT. If you are planning on attending dinner, please let Dee know that as well.

6th Annual Waterfalls and Schnitzel Tour

Saturday, October 10, 2026

The 2026 Waterfalls and Schnitzel Tour will be on Saturday, October 10 th . We will enjoy some fun roads, fall colors and wrap up with a great German dinner! We will mee at the BP Station at Hwy 41 and Brown Rd in Little Suamico (213 E Frontage Rd is the exact address) at 10 a.m. and depart at 10:30 a.m. Please bring your own lunch or pick up lunch at the Subway located in the BP Station. We will be extending our stay at one of the waterfalls to enjoy lunch.

We will see four waterfalls and an area of river rapids on our tour. The tour will conclude at the Bavarian Inn in Lena for some amazing German food! There is a \$5 daily park entry fee per car. We will collect the fee and have passes for each car before leaving the BP Station. Please RSVP to ssamnes@netnet.net or dstamnes@netnet.net by Monday, October 5 th.

*Please note: the Bavarian Inn does not take credit cards. There is an ATM on site and they otherwise accept cash or check.

Calendar of events

September

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

Sept 23 – Open house at Dells Service in Green Bay 5-7:00 PM – Details on Page 5

Sept 25-27 – Fall Tour to the beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula of Michigan - Details Page 4



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](#) **

Oct 10 – Annual Waterfalls tour and dinner – See page X for details

December

Dec 5 – Club Holiday Christmas Party at the Oneida Hotel and Casino

Dell's Open House Invitation

We are invited to Dell's Service Center for an open house
Dell's will be hosting the Fox Valley Porsche Club and the Ferarri Club

The event will be held on September 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
Because Dell's is planning for Hor D'ouvres, facility tours and door prizes they are requesting if you plan to attend that you RSVP by September 16th so they have an accurate head count in preparation for the event .

Please RSVP to clpa439@gmail.com or dstamnes@netnet.net with you name and the number of people planning on attending.

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



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](#)

Spotted in Georgia, could this be the new electric Boxster? Eagle eyed fans were quick to note that the car had no tailpipes and the typical attempts at camouflage via non descript add on body panels. The MFG license plate may be the biggest clue. A second sighting has also been reported from the Los Angeles area touring through the hills outside the city.



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From Dee Stamnes, Social Chair

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The 2026 HOLIDAY PARTY!!

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Devon Palmer	2020	2008 Cayman
Steven Spanbauer	2020	2015 911 GT3
Connor Ruberry	2019	2020 911 Carrera S
Andrew Ziegert	2018	2014 911 Carrera S
Searl and Sally Pickett	2018	2018 718 Cayman
Mark Fermanich and Nora Flood	2013	2003 Boxster S
Todd Fergus	2009	2010 911 GT3
Patrick and Gail Quinn	2007	1986 911 Carrera
M and R Wittman	2002	2013 911 Carrera
Craig and Cathryn Harvey	2002	1987 911 Carrera
Wayne and Gail Kindschy	1979	2025 Carrera T



Welcome to our new members

Jon Leicht joined from Appleton with a 2022 911 Carrera

Pat Vance joined from Oshkosh with a 2019 Cayenne E-Hybrid

Paul and Jessica Hewitt from Appleton transferred from Intermountain with a 2021 Cayenne Coupe

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Randy Tess at the HPDE Hosted by Milwaukee Region



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David Shonnard in the left with instructor Lee Kottke



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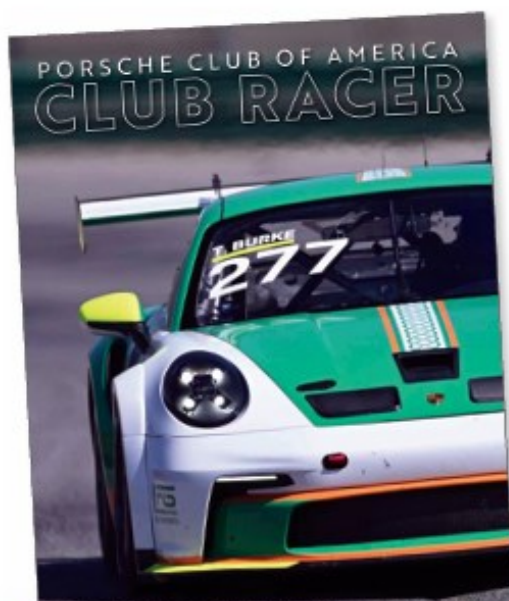
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Rain added a learning experience to the HPDE at Road America

by Bev Jurkowski, PCA Milwaukee and past editor of Whaletales

More than 100 drivers navigated the 14 turns at Road America on Aug. 21 during the region's high performance driver education event. An early downpour didn't dampen anyone's spirits. In fact, the rain provided a learning opportunity for drivers when they were out on the course. Both the novice and advanced run groups sold out and had wait lists. Each run group had several sessions on the road course.

A highlight for many drivers came during the lunch break when veterans from the Zablocki Medical Center joined them in their cars in the passenger seat for a tour of the track. The veterans were our guests and we also treated them to lunch. The vets visit is a long-standing tradition for our region. It's our way of thanking them for their service to our country.

An event of this magnitude requires months of planning and many hands. It was especially challenging as we had new leaders on the DE team as long-time leaders Terry Royals and Matt Karls had stepped down. Taking the reins were Kurt Sechtig and Jeff Chang who, with oversight by Terry Royals, worked hard in the months leading up to the event and of course, on the evening before and the day of the event. They were assisted by many who helped with on site registration, tech inspection, managing the veterans' participation, corner workers and more.

"Thanks to Terry Royals, Anne Sechtig, Al and Peggy Bloom, Xavier Meilhon and Jon and Willette Knopp who were a big help with onsite registration and Donna Daufenbach who arranged for the visit by the veterans and coordinated their lunch," Kurt said. "Thanks also to Ron Pace who conducted the drivers' meeting and Larry Boyer who led the classroom sessions."

Steinlifters, the Milwaukee region newsletter, invited several participants to tell us about the day from their perspective and experience. Here's what Fox Valley region member David Shonnard, who drove his 2014 911 Targa 4S with PDK, said. "For me, the best part was the thrill of driving a performance vehicle to its full potential on an iconic track and sharing that experience with many other drivers and with my excellent instructor, Lee Kottke, who has a great deal of track experience.

"He made me feel very comfortable in the driver's seat, as I am a novice driver.

"Specifically, he provided valuable feedback to me about how my vehicle was responding to my inputs in a way that built confidence and allowed me to progress as a driver. At Road America the Kink is a challenging corner to navigate especially for a new driver to the course. By the end of the day, I was able to progressively increase my speed through the Kink by following Lee's advice and feedback.

"My driving improved from session to session throughout the track day. Driving the track for many laps each session allows one to better anticipate braking zones and when to apply braking and acceleration. I mentally noted the speed that I could safely take each corner at the start of the day, then steadily increased my corner speeds up to the last session, incrementally and safely.

“An HPDE track day is the only way to experience your Porsche as the factory designed it to be driven. If you try to push a Porsche to its limits on the open road, that would be foolish and dangerous to yourself and others,” he said.

During the lunch break drivers had the opportunity to give a veteran a ride around the track. David’s veteran was Kevin, who served in the Navy as an engineer in the engine room. “He asked a lot of questions about my Porsche and took a ton of pictures. As he was nearly legally blind, I talked about the Road America course and the PCA HPDE event. He asked so many questions because he wanted to tell stories to his nephew.” David said.

“We had a real hoot all day,” Lee Kottke said. “Driving in the wet was fantastic. A couple of times I had to remind Dave to just relax, be smooth,” he said.

“I wasn’t really sure what to expect as a first-time HPDE participant, but I quickly discovered that learning the track and understanding my own abilities as a driver were more important that day than trying to post blistering lap times my first time out,” said Randy Tess, a member of the Fox Valley region.

“I quickly learned that driving at speed on a track like Road America is far more mentally demanding than I expected. There is an enormous amount to take in — learning the racing line, listening to your instructor, watching flag stations and mirrors, managing braking points and turn-in points, and trying to become smoother and faster at the same time.

“Mother Nature added another dimension. Our first two sessions were run in heavy rain, which certainly wasn’t how I pictured my first experience at Road America. In retrospect, though, it was a great learning experience and really forced me to concentrate on being smooth and deliberate with the car.

“Thankfully, the rain subsided around noon and the final three sessions were dry. As the track dried and my familiarity with it increased, the pace picked up considerably and the experience became more and more fun.

“What impressed me most was the organization of the event and the quality of the instruction. I always felt that safety and learning came first, while still giving us an opportunity to experience what our cars could do in an environment designed for it.

“A great group of people, a great track, and a very fun Friday. My sincere thanks to the PCA Milwaukee Region for organizing such a well-run event, and to all of the instructors, organizers, and volunteers who made it possible — especially my instructor, Ken, who patiently tolerated a lot of slow driving, missed apexes, early braking, late braking, and far too many cars getting waved around us. By the final session, I was remarkably better in nearly every aspect because of his instruction and input.

“When it was over, I was tired, but already wondering when the next session would be,” Randy concluded.

Pictures of the event are on page 12



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