



FOX VALLEY REGION  
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



# WHALETALES



Photo by Herb Velazquez


**Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car ... page 14**

Also see reprint article as published in the 356 Registry!!!

[www.fvr-pca.com](http://www.fvr-pca.com)

# Calendar of Activities

- December **12 Saturday** – Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. Italian buffet menu.
- January 5 Tuesday - Dinner Meeting at Victoria's Italian Cuisine, 503 W. College Ave.; Appleton. 5:30pm Cocktails, with Dinner at 7:00PM. RSVP by Jan 2 to Larry Rogers at [fvrpca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fvrpca@sbcglobal.net)
- February 20 Saturday – Bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show, also stop at Porsche Exchange. Jim Stephenson hosting
- April 6 Tuesday – Social/dinner at Plum Hill in Kaukauna. Jim & Lisa Stephenson hosting.
- May 4 Tuesday – Spring dinner and social at Jim & Linda's Supper Club in Pipe. (Gordon Skog to host)
- May 21-23 – Spring waterfalls tour to U.P. Staying both nights in Days Inn in Eagle River. Al Curran, tourmeister
- June 1 Tuesday – dinner at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh for a social/dinner hosted by John & Jeanne Strublic.
- June 6 Sunday – FREE state parks tour. Kettle Moraine area. Jamie & Laura Prellwitz, tourmeisters.
- June 12 Saturday – Ladies' Only tour to Door County.
- June 26 Saturday – ally in the Keshena area hosted by Jim Lowey
- July 3 - 8 – Porsche Parade in St. Charles, Illinois**
- July 6 Tuesday – Car show/ dinner/social at Branch River Country Club, (near) Whitelaw, WI. Hosted by Jamie & Laura Prellwitz.
- July 10 Saturday – Caravan to Iola Car Show, social/potluck later in the day. Mark & Barb Wilkinson, hosts.
- July 24 – 20th Anniversary celebration for FVR. Will be held at Trout Springs Winery, Greenleaf.
- August 7 Saturday – Social/tour/potluck at Pete & Kathie Bollenbach's at Granite Ridge Kennels Mountain.

December						
						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	<b>12</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## CONTENTS

3	CLASSIFIEDS
4	ADVERTISING
5	President's Letter
11	Newsletter Editor
12	Member Bio's
14	Jim's Survivor Car
22	Panamera
23	Paintwerks
27	Dinner at Mackinaw's
31	FYI
32	Upcoming FVR Events
35	Porsche News
42	Anniversaries
43	General Information



# Classifieds

## Name Badges Name Badges

Have you ever felt like a dork at a meeting because you had a press-n-peel name tag on while others had an attractive and classy wood or metal pin?

Futhermore, you were even more embarrassed when you forgot to take it off and went somewhere else afterwards?

Larry Rogers has a solution for you! Our region has very attractive and professional name badges that are laser-engraved with our region's name, and most importantly, your name for about \$12 each. You can order either a pin-on style or magnetic style.

Please contact Larry at [fvrpca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fvrpca@sbcglobal.net) to order yours now. You can have it in time for all of our upcoming summer and fall events.

## FOR SALE

Set of four 17" Boxster Wheels, Excellent condition, 255/40 & 205/50 with Winter Dunlop Winter Sport, Estimate 1/2 tread. (Photos available)

Set of four Kumho Esta Super tires, 265/35 & 225/40 Est. 1/2 tread. (Photos available)

Will accept reasonable offers, and will deliver free to Appleton members.

Thank you!

Roger L. Heironimus  
715 543 9498  
Cell 715 296 5109

## Subject: Best of the Best from the Fox Valley PCA

We've talked about it for many months, now let's make it happen. After all the delicious potlucks we've had, I know many of you have some outstanding recipes for appetizers, salads, desserts, casseroles, etc.

Let's put together a recipe book of all your best recipes and create the "Best of the Best from the Fox Valley Region PCA".

Please send me your favorite recipes and over the next several months, I will assemble a recipe book. (I have to find something to fill my time once I'm past-president). Perhaps we can use this as a fund raiser for our charities, too. You may also photocopy your recipes and mail them to me:

Laura Prellwitz  
1115 South 35 Street  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

***Looking forward to receiving and reading all your yummy recipes!***

# Advertisements

## FREE REVIEW

**Do you have the right investments in place to meet the financial challenges ahead?**

At Edward Jones, our business is to help people find solutions for their long-term financial security.

If you would like a free review of your work plan or any of your other investments to see if they are appropriate for your long-term goals, please call or stop by today.



**Fritz Wotruba**  
Financial Advisor  
1619 W. College Ave  
Suite D  
Appleton, WI 54914  
920-380-0236

[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com) Member SIPC

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

## Porsche Parade 2010



St. Charles, Illinois invites you to the 55th Porsche Parade in St. Charles at the Pheasant Run Resort. July 3rd – July 8th, 2010



**1495 Winchester Road (Cty II)**  
**Neenah WI 54956**

Phone 920-722-7990 / 800-525-0535

### Domestic and Import Car Repair

### Specializing in Exotic Repair and Restoration

- ASE Certified Master Technician
- ASE Certified L1 Advanced Level Technician
- BMW Certified Technicians
- Jaguar, Porsche, Volvo and Mercedes Experienced Technicians



### Complete Automotive Services

Brakes / Engines / Drive trains / Transmissions /  
Computers / Air Conditioning / Suspension / Electrical

**SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

Fax 920-722-0336

Owned and Operated by Gordon Skog



# From the President

## December President's Letter

Did you know we had 44 activities this year in our club? There were 15 dinners/socials, 4 board of directors meetings, 5 tech sessions, 5 tours, 4 charity events, 6 activities at the Bergstrom Porsche dealership, and 5 cross-region events. Considering most of us store our cars for at least four months out of the year that amount of activity in a region our size is almost unimaginable! Also, due to all of your efforts we added 26 new members to our club (four of whom transferred by choice from another region to ours). We are very close to maintaining a consistent 150 members in our club, plus another 125 family/associate members. Thank you! You make the Fox Valley Region truly something to be proud of.

My final letter to you is in the form of an extended thank you note. While it's several pages long, I wanted to recognize each person who has given "something extra" to the region this year.

In no particular order, my sincerest appreciation to:

**Nick Proctor**, V.P. Extraordinaire – Nick is a very quiet and conscientious behind-the-scenes kind of man. He has diligently worked very hard for this region under a tyrant of a President and never once complained (at least not audibly). He has attended nearly every meeting, volunteered at the Supermileage event, made countless trips to EmbroidMe for the fall tour and 20th anniversary shirts, rolled out the red carpet for the Ledesma's, assisted with the holiday parties, and has provided much good counsel. Nick has also had the dual role of dealership liaison and has done a phenomenal job of keeping the lines of communication open between Bergstrom Porsche and the FVR.

The positive relationship we have with Bergstrom Porsche is the best we've ever had, and much of the work to accomplish that has been done by Nick. He is also part of the Region of the Year award nomination committee. Thank you, Nick. You have truly been a blessing this past two years in my life. Enjoy your GT3 to the fullest measure!

**Larry Rogers**, Outstanding Treasurer – As some of you may know, our past president left the area shortly after he vacated the President's office, so as a new officer to the club, I was totally overwhelmed. Larry, as past-past president, has been an outstanding support and mentor to me, and his knowledge and advice have been priceless. He's kept me from putting both feet in my mouth and tying the shoelaces on many occasions. Additionally, Larry has been a fantastic treasurer for our region with keeping clear, current, and accurate records at all times. If that wasn't enough, he and his wife, Pat, hosted two highly successful dinners this summer at Johnathan's Bistro and the Bavarian Inn, and will host the first dinner of 2010 at Victoria's Italian restaurant in January. Larry and Pat have attended nearly every event offered this year as well. Additionally, Larry was a volunteer at the Supermileage event and a part of the Region of the Year award nomination committee.

**Mary Haen**, Stylistic Secretary – Mary has a wonderful "voice" that comes through in her accurate reports of our meetings. Her summaries are fun to read, as well as informative. She creates all the "Certificates of Appreciation" that are given to our volunteer members. Mary is a quiet, but working-hard-behind-the-scenes kind of lady, and does not get nearly enough credit for all that she does. She and her husband, Jim, have always actively

participated in our region's events as well.

**Jim Haen**, Archivist, Librarian, Welcome Wagon,



Thinks Outside of the Box, All-Around-Nice-Guy -- Jim and Mary have been board members for about a dozen years and have been a solid foundation that have helped hold this club together. Because of Jim's thoughtfulness and attention to detail, our region's library is one of the best in any PCA region, and he keeps records of all sorts to maintain the history of our club. While Jim was recuperating from surgery earlier this year, he also became the unofficial "welcome wagon" and would call new members and welcome them to the club. His contact and warm personality certainly made a significantly positive difference in those members' involvement in our club. Jim, too, has been extremely helpful to me in some creative thinking and problem solving these past two years, and I appreciate his insights and perspectives very much. As I have told several of you, it's because of Jim Haen that my husband and I renewed our membership nine years ago. It was because of Jim's friendliness to us at Gordon's tech session in 1991 that we decided to renew our membership in the club. Look what that lead to.....

**Gordon "my only vacation is the fall tour" Skog** - Membership secretary and auto service provider who is never closed! Gordon has also been a dedicated member for about a dozen years and will continue to work hard for this region in his new role as Vice President. His Auto Clinic has an impeccable reputation for quality, fairness, and promptness, and accuracy in service, to which I can

## (con't.) From the President

personally attest. He works limitless hours weekly to give his customers his very best service and work. In addition to his annual tech session, (provided by him at his expense) Gordon gave up many hours to work on the Labor Day picnic with the Milwaukee region folks, and to bring the meat, buns, cheese, grill, tables, etc to the event. Gordon has been a consistent paying advertiser in our newsletter, and certainly helps recruit many new members to our club. He, too, has attended almost every event this year, and is helping out with the holiday party at as well. Gordon, you may have to start taking a spring vacation now, too, as we have a new tour in May!

**Herb Velazquez** – Outstanding newsletter editor. Herb had big shoes to fill with predecessors of Denis Grimard, Alan Cayer, and Debbie Harvey publishing our monthly publication at extremely professional levels. Although Herb travels extensively and for long periods of time for his career, he consistently produced a wonderfully informative, visually pleasing, and entertaining magazine monthly. PCA also confirmed this by selecting his work at Parade this summer honoring him with 2nd place in the national competition. How and when Herb found the time to assemble our newsletters and upgrade his publishing software boggles my mind. He even found some time to attend several events as well. He has also volunteered to help at Parade in 2010. Thank you for your dedicated work the past 1.5 years, Herb. You provided a wonderful marketing and communication tool for our region that makes us all extremely proud!

**Dennis “Sign the Waiver” Olson** – Dennis (and his wife, “cookies on a stick”, Madelyn) attended many events this year and kept us all safe and legally protected. As with many things, insurance/

safety is #1 and PCA standards are strict. The rule is, “Any event where a wheel is lifted or turned” requires an insurance form and waiver. Dennis kept us on track (pardon the pun) with insurance waivers, applications, and follow up reports. Again, Dennis stepped up two years ago to fill a vacancy on the board and I have appreciated his support and work very much. I’m sure he will continue to do so in the future. Please sign the forms when he asks you to do so. He’s only doing his job!

### **Tim “put down the phone”**

**Diedrich** – Tim and his wife, Renny, are new members to our region, but they almost immediately got involved in our activities. When I put out a call to fill a vacancy for a dealership liaison, Tim quickly responded. Tim has also worked with Nick Proctor to develop the mutually beneficial relationship we have with the Bergstrom Porsche. He created a tri-fold brochure to attract new members to our club that is on the coffee table in the showroom area. Additionally, Tim has recruited at least three new members to our club in the past few months. Tim has hosted a couple of the Saturday morning coffee and doughnut socials that have been very successful. Thank you to both of you for the wonderful insulated logo beverage holders you gave to each one of the fall tour participants. It was extremely thoughtful and generous, in addition to making the tour extra special.

### **Andrew “Porsche” Opicka**

As you know, Andrew will be your new president beginning in January. You will not find anyone else in the world that is more enthusiastic and passionate about Porsche than Andrew. He will continue to do great things with and for our region. I was immediately impressed with Andrew when I first met him two years ago and appointed him technical advisor to the board because of his

knowledge and energy. I am so glad I did! (Again, look what that led to.....) Additionally, Andrew, and his wife Elise (who will be our social chairperson) hosted several events this year: oil seminar, PDK seminar with Chuck James, RR museum tour and dinner at the Titledown Brewery, and the chili and a movie social at their home. Andrew has also been an unofficial dealership liaison and has often communicated with the staff at Bergstrom Porsche in a most positive and productive manner. He’s also transferred all of club’s videos onto DVD and will create the video memory book of the 1000+ photos taken this year, to be shown at the holiday party. Lastly, he is part of the Region of the Year award nomination committee. Please continue to be as supportive to Andrew as you have been to me. He is extremely dedicated and hard-working and will be a great leader for our club!

**Al “Pasty’s” Taylor** – Despite living a considerable distance from many of our region’s activities, Al and his wife, Ann, along with their three children, have attended many of our events, plus maintaining two websites for our club. Al took over the difficult job of maintaining our website, plus created a second one via PCA. He’s made both of them much more user-friendly and always keeps the home and calendar pages current. As time allows, he will continue to upgrade and improve them. Al & Ann made our joint road trip to the All-Porsche Show in Roseville, MN, an absolute blast. Of course, the clarification of “pastys” vs. “pasties” will never be forgotten from the fall tour. The Taylors are co-hosting the 2010 fall tour as well. Additionally, Al & Ann have become wonderful personal friends and I am honored to call them as such. Al & Ann are also assisting with this year’s holiday party and Ann will have some delicious home made treats for us!

## (con't.) From the President

**Warren & Joyce Beaver** – Will be co-hosting the 2010 fall tour with the Taylor's. The Beaver's have been members for many years, but only recently became very active in our club. They attended many events this year, and it was terrific getting to know them. Instead of heading "up north", our hosts will be taking us to the Prairie du Chien area and having been planning next year's tour since they returned from this year's event. I am thrilled to see both couples so active in our region and jointly working on a project for our club. What an outstanding accomplishment!!

**Mark Wilkinson** – Mark and his wife, Barb, are very new members to our club, but Mark has been working diligently since the closure of the fall tour to take over our newsletter from Herb. The Wilkinson's were of huge assistance Saturday night of the fall tour as we were trying to download and copy over 600 share photos onto Jim Janes' laptop. Without their help, I think we'd still be trying to finish the job! Mark has been reviewing, scanning, and downloading, all of our old newsletters since 1990 and scrounging up the missing editions. They will all be saved on a flash drives and CD's. Additionally, Mark has been researching other regions' newsletters for ideas, so we are extremely blessed to have Mark on board to fill Herb's vacancy. Mark is also part of the Region of the Year award nomination committee. Since joining, Mark and Barb purchased name tags, attended the Labor Day picnic; and participated in the fall tour, appreciation dinner, and tech session. I appreciate all your enthusiasm and work, even though you're not even officially on the job yet. Mark & Barb will also be hosting an event at their home in 2010 in conjunction with the Iola Car Show.

**Al & Pam Kuck** – Dinner hosts in Shawano, and frequent attendees at

events. Al & Pam are also fairly new, but active, members. In an effort to have activities spread throughout our region, I appreciated Al & Pam hosting a dinner in Shawano, so our slightly more "northern" members would have something to attend that was closer to home. They have also offered to host a social again in 2010. Thank you, Al and Pam, for your enthusiasm.

**Joe & Peg Homel** – Joe once tried to name drop "Laura Prellwitz" thinking he would get some special privileges from Porsche. Instead, he found himself being summarily removed from the premises!! ☺ Joe & Peg have been long-time members in our club and have attended and hosted many events over the years. Their focus the past few years has been the Supermileage event at Fox Valley Technical College and WIR. This event is one of our region's charities as it promotes team work, problem-solving, and creativity with young people related to engine design and fuel efficiency. They are already looking for volunteers to help in 2010. While they spend their winters in FL, they also help out with being timers at the 48 hours of Sebring.

**Alan Cayer and Earl Green** – Two additional volunteers to helped out with the Supermileage event this year. Thank you for giving up a day to be great role models to the youth of our area!

**Paul Ellsworth** – Paul's openness to working with and supporting our club has been a dream come true. Paul has allowed us to use the delivery bay and/or showroom areas on several occasions for technical sessions and socials. He has promoted the club to guests and Porsche buyers and allows us to have membership applications and promotional brochures on the coffee table in the reception area.

Additionally, he's donated two very large, three-paneled banners, to our club to raffle/auction for charity. Although his busy schedule has prevented him from attending most of our meetings, he has been a delight to work with at the dealership, and his salad at the August picnic was delicious! Thanks for always having a few warm chocolate chip cookies on a plate for me, too. I hope our club's relationship with you continues grow and be positive for both of us.

**Terry Fritz** – Thanks for inviting us to your store and having Mary Lou Haen from Road America update us on the 2009 season, along with the four tickets to the Kohler race as a door prize. It was exciting to talk about racing in the early spring and learn more about what's going on RA.

**Roy & Darlene Geigel** – Your backyard/patio area was a fantastic place to watch the "Thunder on the Lakeshore" air show, despite the rainy weather. This was an original activity and we appreciate your sharing your home with us. The potluck was delicious and we look forward to returning again another year.

**Bruce & Sue Simon** – We had a terrific time socializing on your patio in July, and the drinks/munchies were delicious. Thank you for sharing your home with us. The mini-tour by the lake park was most enjoyable! We know you had no control over the lake breeze and flies at Artie & Ed's, but we had a good time despite the drastic weather change there.

**Steve & Andrea DeBaker** – Trout Springs Winery is a treasure in NE Wisconsin, and we are most fortunate to have you as members who are willing to share it with us. Thanks for always providing the delicious hamburgers, buns, condiments, eating utensils, and of course, the wine to make it all even tastier. The Bocce ball competition

## (con't.) From the President

has become almost legendary. Your annual summer event is always a highlight of region's activities, and the 2010 20th Anniversary celebration will be fantastic. Thank you again for your generosity to our region.

**Bill & Linda Bein** – Although many of us have not had the pleasure of meeting you in person, you are often discussed and appreciated. You generously donate many Road America race tickets and silent auction items to our region annually, which are used to raise money for our charities. Your thoughtfulness and kindness do not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do to make our region so great.

**George Payne** – Your generous donation of a Porsche book to our library is appreciated. Its thoughtful members like you that exemplify the PCA philosophy of, "It's the people, not the cars." George is also looking a few members to help assist in hosting the Labor Day picnic. He needs your help if the tradition is to continue at Road America. Thank you, George, for offering to help!!!

**Debbie Harvey** – Thank you for your assistance to Greg Rigoni in planning the fall tour and for the U.P. gift basket for Ruben & Janet Ledesma. You helped to make the trip the big success that it was. I appreciate your efforts to tell Porsche owners in Upper Michigan about our region as well. I know you have helped recruit a few members for us. It was great having you along on the Ladies' Only tour as well. Thanks for all you do "Up North!"

**John & Jeanne Strubic** – After a short absence, John & Jeanne re-joined our region about two years ago and have been very active since. They hosted a fun and scenic tour around the Wautoma area in spring with a stop at Vintage Vehicles (including a photo-op with a local

news reporter), and dinner at a very lovely restaurant later in the day. John & Jeanne also allowed me to meet their horses (it was the highlight of my day!) and provided some lovely door prizes. In June, John & Jeanne traveled to Germany and the Porsche Museum for their 40th wedding anniversary. They brought back several hundred dollars worth of merchandise from the museum, which will be auctioned at this year's holiday party. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and willingness to transport all these items back to Wisconsin!

**Tom & Margie Zoromski** – Hosted the first tour of the year around the Crivitz area. It was a great route and I think we will all remember the DeYoung Family Zoo for many, many years. What a unique place to interact and view a variety of critters! I will always remember Jimmy Haen stating, "I think I have camel poop on the floor of my 911" and thinking that has to be the funniest sentence ever uttered by a Porsche owner. Lunch at the Four Seasons on the patio was spectacular and the pizza supper later in the day was delicious. Tom & Margie also joined us on the fall tour, too. I had the pleasure of meeting Tom & Margie for the first time a year ago in August on a tour and was thrilled when Tom offered to host a tour in 2009. You did a superb job!

**Jim & Marlies Lowey** – The Lowey's joined our region in spring and attended their event dinner/social at Jim & Linda's. They have continued to be very active in our region and have attended many events. The Native American dinner at their home and tour around the lake where they reside near Keshena was fantastic. Despite some icky weather, we had a great time. Jim has since volunteered to host a rally in June 2010, an event we've not had for a very long time in our region.

Thank you for getting involved with our region so enthusiastically, Jim & Marlies! Your enthusiasm is infectious.

**Fritz Wotruba** – Fritz re-joined our region last year after an absence from the area, and we are happy to have him back. Thank you, Fritz, for being an advertiser in our newsletter, and for the free dinner/investment seminar you hosted in early summer. I know several members found it very informative and helpful. Thank you also for your recent donations of old newsletters and magazine collections that will be auctioned at the holiday party. The money raised will again help support our charities.

**Todd & Sheila Benz** – (and Justin, the traffic officer) Your chili social and bonfire in October was a truly fun and relaxing event! Todd and Sheila are also new members, recruited by the Diedrich's, and again, I sincerely appreciate your level of involvement in the club and opening your home to us for a fun dinner/social event. The parking area for "Porsches Only" and "Any Old Car or Truck" was most humorous! I hope your event will become an annual tradition in fall.

**Stan Stout & Suzanne Woods** – A day at Crane Lake was most enjoyable. Many of us enjoyed the large "floatie", kayaks, canoe, and boats, in addition to the beauty of the land surrounding it. Several attendees were able to re-live our youth for the day and pretend we were back at summer camp again. The potluck dinner on the patio was delicious; and of course, the campfire later in the evening was the perfect way to conclude the day. Thank you for sharing your residence with us and we hope we are invited back again another time. (Thanks to Gordon Skog for leading the mini-tour from Neenah to Waupaca, too!)



## (con't.) From the President

**Greg & Mary Rigoni** – The best attended fall tour ever, with 24 cars. It was our 10th anniversary of having a fall tour, and you hosted a truly outstanding event. You made everyone feel welcome and provided a scenic and safe journey for all of us. We appreciated the motels with indoor plumbing, too ☺ The pasty supper Friday night, along with the door prizes, was extremely generous of you. The lunch stop at the Calumet House was amazing as well. I don't think I've felt so "welcomed" anywhere else in my life. I will always remember Warren Beaver standing in the lobby of our hotel Sunday morning look a bit forlorn and lamenting, "I'm gonna miss all you guys after spending this weekend together." What a great compliment to the camaraderie we developed and experience during the trip! The fall tour is always a HUGE project and I know you spent a year planning it. Your thoughtfulness and attention to detail were noticed by all, and deeply appreciated. Thanks for all the great memories you created for many of us. We will long remember the adventure you provided for us.

**Dennis & Heidi Kepchar** – Hosted a late afternoon social at their cottage along the shores of Lake Michigan that wrapped up the Ladies' Only tour. Dennis did his best to fit in by modeling a purse that coordinated with his "outfit". Thank you for sharing your beautiful home with us, the welcome sign, the delicious munchies and beverages, and giving us a place to share all of our shopping "treasures" we had acquired throughout the day. You provided the perfect closure to a perfect day.

**Bob Hawley & Jennifer Blahnik** – Thanks for the shopping and refreshment stop in Egg Harbor during the Ladies' Only tour. We were absolutely parched from driving, so the "open bar" with

chilled beverages, lemon bars, and chocolate brownies were a total delight. Thank you for the special parking, shopping experiences, and gift basket. We felt like celebrities! Your participation in our tour helped to make the day even more special and enjoyable. We hope to stop back again next year!

**Denis & France Grimard** – Although Denis' career took you to California in February, you are often thought of and warmly remembered. You are sincerely missed at our events, too. Prior to the Grimard's departure, they helped organize a fund raiser of sort to help the Haen's following Jim's illness and surgery. Again, our region demonstrated "it's the people, not the cars" philosophy to the fullest extent. Thank you for your generosity and support to a fellow member in a time of need.

**Jim Stephenson** - One of the original founding members of the club, former officer (in many roles) and active member. This year, Jim helped facilitate two events, the tour of Motion Products in March and the tech session with Dave Zimmer of Paintwerks in West Bend. Both were well attended and informative. Jim, and his wife, Lisa, will host a dinner in spring in Kaukauna, and he's planning another bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show in February. Jim has also been very helpful to me with creative ideas for things or providing names of contacts for further information. Thank you, Jim, for your years of continued work and contributions to our region. It is very much appreciated.

**Barb Wise** – When I said I needed some help with this year's holiday party, Barb was one of the first people to reply and offer some assistance. I don't want to give away her surprise, but she has something terrific for each member/couple at this year's holiday party that is truly unique.

She's also a wicked Bocce ball player at Trout Springs Winery, too. Thank you, Barb, for helping out when it was truly needed. Barb, and her husband, Charlie, frequently attend many club events, and Charlie has been in a few DE activities at Blackhawk, too.

**Debbie Houle** – Many of you have met Debbie over the past 2.5 years that she's been hanging out with Gordon and our club. She's attended many events and volunteered her help when it was needed, especially at the Labor Day picnic at RA. Gordon finally made an honest woman out of her and has registered her as a member of the club, so we can now officially welcome her to the region! Debbie is also helping with this year's holiday party and is bringing "something special" for each member who attends. However, you have to be there to receive one! Thanks again, Debbie for all your work these past two years. You've done a lot behind the scenes and I'm happy to be able to formally recognize you for it. I personally appreciate your help with the party as well, and for being a great personal friend, too.

**Bill Chapman** - Bill is also a brand new member, and initiated his Boxster on the fall tour. What a way to start off one's membership with our club! Bill was introduced to our region at the August picnic and joined shortly thereafter. During the fall tour we learned he is an avid shutterbug, so he was recruited to be the photographer for the holiday party. Thank you, Bill, for your help and talents. Your photos will be the beginning of next year's memory book!

**Al Curran** – Is our "most northern" member and joined our club shortly after the fall tour. I will host the first ever spring weekend tour, taking us to some beautiful waterfalls in the U.P. May 21-23, using the Days Inn in

## (con't.) From the President

Eagle River as our home base.

### **Pete & Kathie Bollenbach**

– Pete & Kathie own Granite Ridge Kennels near Mountain, WI, and have invited us to spend the day at their home August 7 for the “Motorhead Picnic” joining with some of the Bollenbach’s “other” friends who are motorcycle and Porsche enthusiasts. Motel options are being made available for those who would like to stay overnight. Pete is also planning a rally and a possible pig roast, plus live music.

**Jim Janes** – Has volunteered to host the 2011 fall tour. He and his wife, Cindy, will be going to FL in April to learn about a tour held there, and then will “translate” it to a Wisconsin/ Michigan route. Thanks for your time, resources, and long-term planning. Jim & Cindy also hosted the 2008 fall tour.

**Kelly Wechsler, David Savu, & Greg Russo** – Thank you for the Porsche news updates you’ve shared with our club and the jokes you’ve e-mailed to me. I appreciate your contributions to keep the club informed, and to keep me sane with some laughs when they were truly needed!

**David Johnson** – For admirably and proudly representing the FVR at Parade in Keystone, CO. I am so very happy that you were able to be my proxy and accept the Enthusiast of the Year award on my behalf. I appreciate the phone calls to let me know I had been chosen and for letting me speak on the phone with the previous year’s recipient as well. Thank you also for the offer to stop in at your cottage in Door County next June on the Ladies’ Tour. I will definitely include it on our route!

**Jim & Mary Niemiec and Peter & Donna Smart** – Thank you for transferring your membership to our

region. It is a high compliment to us that you want to be part of our group and we hope to make it worth your while to drive the extra distance to our events.

**Pat Quinn** – You always roll out the red carpet whenever we have a dinner social at Mackinaw’s Grill. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are always deeply appreciated, and we look forward to our annual event at your restaurant. Thanks for being a member and supporter of our region.

Thank you to all other members who have contributed in some way to make our region the best it has ever been. I know many of you promote the club through your personal and professional contacts and have given me names to follow up with. Thank you for being such positive ambassadors for our club.

Finally, I need to thank the best and most important member in the club, in my opinion; my husband, **Jamie Prellwitz**. I had no idea in November of 1983 when I met him (yes, I heard about Porsche on our first date) or in April of 1985 when we were married, where our adventure together would take us. Sixteen years later he bought his dream car, a 1987 911 in August of 1999. We joined the Fox Valley Region PCA shortly afterwards, and I certainly never envisioned being President of this club or receiving national recognition for my work with this fine organization in 2009.

Much of these past two years I have felt overwhelmed, totally ignorant, in “way over my head” with things, and completely frustrated, but he has truly been the best support system I could ask for. I’ve messed up our computer more ways than are humanly possible, and tried to make it do things I had no idea how to do. (The words “Charlie Foxtrot”

have often been uttered.) He’s always remained patient, calm, and reassuring. He’s also spent countless hours fixing my catastrophic blunders, many times from across the Atlantic Ocean and in the middle of the night. His nomination of me and solicitation of all your endorsements for the Enthusiast of the Year award still continues to have me awestruck. Being validated by one’s peers is the highest honor anyone can ever have, especially when it originates with one’s spouse. He is a walking encyclopedia of Porsche knowledge, although I know he doesn’t always openly share it with others. His love for Porsche goes back to early childhood, and he’s been a student of the marque since then. He’s been the most amazing teacher to me about Porsche, but I think I’ve put him in the role of being a “special educator” on many occasions!

My learning curve has not had a lot of “arc” in it some days. I have to admit that along the way, there have been some challenges with a few members/issues that have caused me to nearly throw in the towel, but he helped me to see a different perspective, re-group, and move on. Vilma Fraguada from the Nord Stern Region, nicknamed him the “First Dude”. While it’s quite humorous, he truly deserves equal credit for the recognition I’ve been given. He’s been an integral part of it all. Without him, and his support in a myriad of forms these past two years, I would’ve been a miserable failure at best as a leader for this club. Thank you, Jamie, for being the most amazing “First Dude” in the Fox Valley Region, and in my life.

Sincerely,

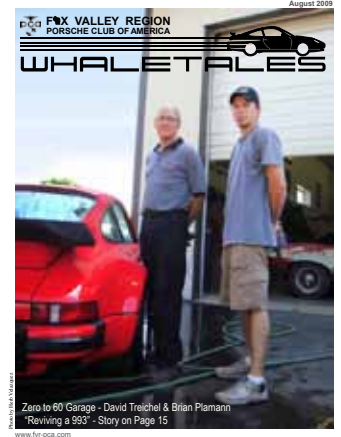
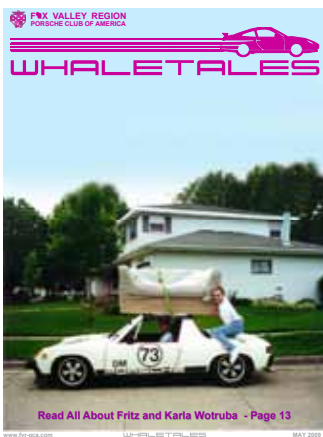
**Laura “Mama Bear” Prellwitz**

# From the Newsletter Editor

Dear Whaletale Readers:

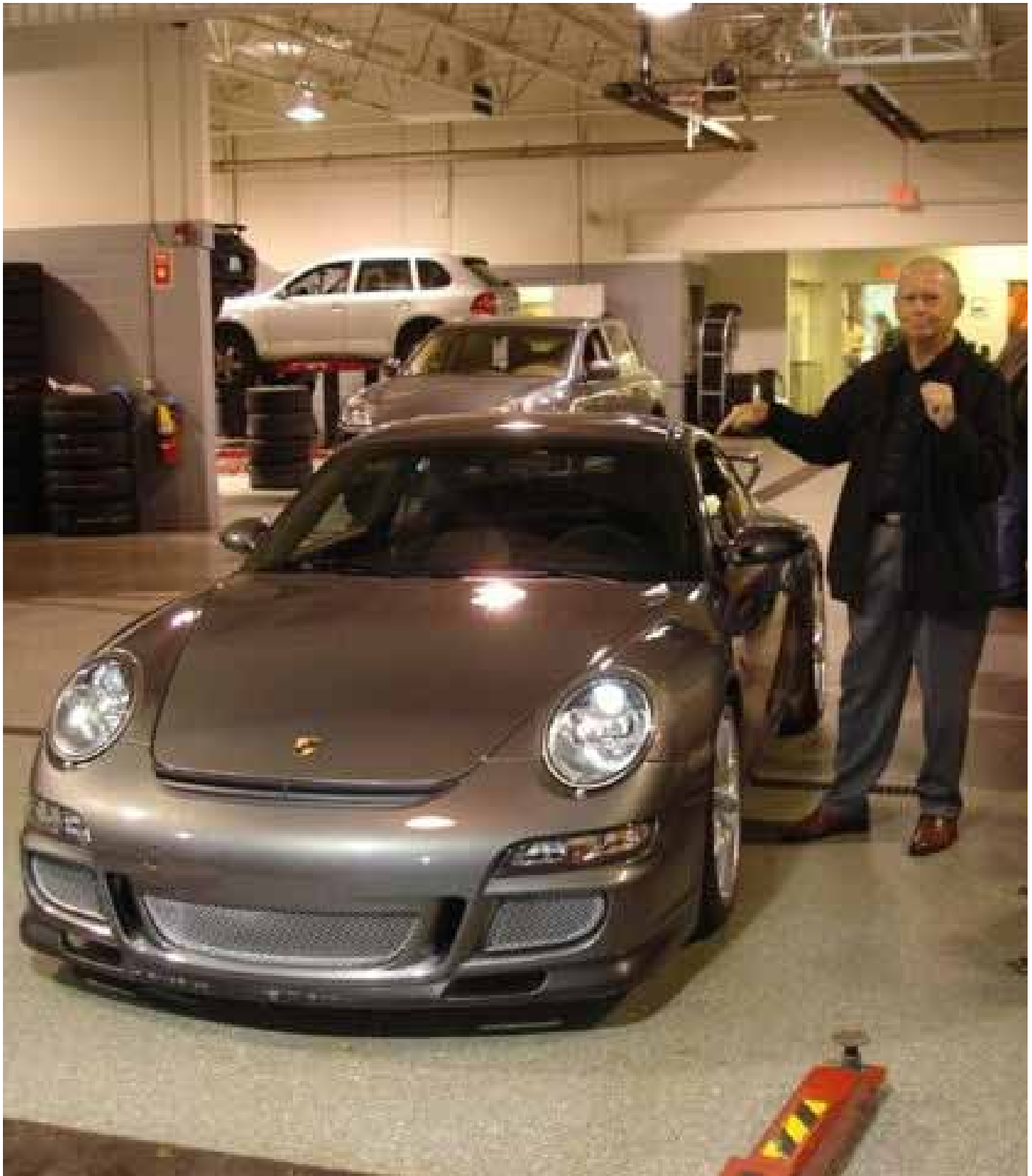
This is my last issue as editor. I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Newsletter Editor for our great Fox Valley Region!! Here is a snapshot of this year's twelve issues - a total of 41.4 MB or 3.5MB per issue which translates to 551 pages or 45.9 pages per issue! Thank you for providing all the fabulous content to work with!! It has been a lot of fun!

Sincerely,  
Herb Velazquez :)





## Member Bio : Nick Proctor



It's been said that a picture is like a thousand words. So here is the 1000+ word picture. Congratulations to our Vice-President and Dealership Liaison, Nick Proctor.

This 2007 GT3 is his birthday present to himself!

[www.fvr-pca.com](http://www.fvr-pca.com)

WHALETALES



## Member Bio : George Payne

Well, writing about myself is something I have never done before. But here it goes! My start with cars was being born into a car family. My grandfather was one of the first auto mechanics/body men in Oshkosh in the early 1900's. My father followed his footsteps and owned his own shop at the age of 18. His fun in the 40's and 50's was making chop tops and finding ways to make a car lay a patch for several blocks, while still performing normal work on autos. He also worked on Carl Kiekhaefer race cars. He would strip them down, help prep them for racing and when Carl was done with them dad would bring the auto back to a normal life with the original carpet, upholstery, taking any dents out and a repaint. They would then be sold as a used car!

As I grew up, spending much of my time with a body hammer and dolly in hand, the part I most remember is all the sanding and taping. I still remember my father preaching "the paint job is only as good as the prep work. Any little blemish will magnify. It has to be perfect."

Something my father did for us kids was that he would help find/fix if needed our first car so we had a good one from the beginning. Well the cars in the driveway went as such. My oldest sister's first car was a '66 Chevelle Supersport, (yep)... Dave Conger wanted to buy it for a race car and my sister refused to sell it to him as she would not have it turned into that type car. My next sister's car was a '65 Mustang Fastback, a brother had a '65 Impala which quickly turned into a '69 Le Mans, originally ordered with the engine, transmission and rear end of the GTO to get around insurance issues of the

day. And I remember a '68 Javelin in the mix also. Well, with the cops showing up at the house a few times to many, and a great father who stuck up for his kids, it came my time to get my first car at age 16. I had my eye on several and was turned down on every car. I would up with a "74 Olds Omega. 4 door... I do thank my brother for most of the reasoning behind my parents decision. Then came a new Pinto (short mistake) and new '79 Mustang Turbo in high school. (Should have gotten the 5.0 model)

During all of this, I remember seeing two types of cars I always wanted and dreamed about. A Triumph TR-6 and a Porsche 911. It wasn't long before I got my first TR-6 and had them for several years. I got to know Chris Mills, his wife Lucy and there mechanic I believe Hewey up on French road in Seymour. What a great group of people who really knew British auto's. I got to know side draft Stromberg's and many electrical issues also. British auto's. Gotta like there electrical systems.

Well after several years went by, a friend now living in Arizona that I snow ski with got to talking on vacation about Porsche's. Steve Buggy owns several cars including a 356 and a '72 Targa. We got talking seriously about looking for a car for myself. I would locate one, call Steve, and then go look at it, and the chase was on for some time. I went down to Kelly Moss in Madison to discuss if a car was located out of my region as they have many contacts through out the U.S., for inspections. Steve knew of Jim Stephenson from the 356 registry and flying home to see the inaugural Beer Brats and

Bathtubs and the such on visits home. Steve mentioned that if I found one locally, give Jim a call and he might give me a few pointers. Well, after trips to as far away as Stillwater, MN, (where you all went for the fall tour), I found a car that was in for service at Gordon's Auto Clinic. It then went away. I then found it on E-Bay. Made contact with the owner, and arrangements to see the car. Jim Stephenson was nice enough to stop at the owners house after church on a Sunday and take it for a drive. The owner was leaving for a trip out of the country, and very hard to get hold of. It was touch and go for almost 2 months! Well, finally an inspection at Gordon's shop, I wonder if Gordon remembers all of the issues trying to meet up and all, but the car came with a great service history/records and I finally got the '82 911 Targa. Slowly but surely it looking pretty good now.

My wife Quinn is now much happier as all the time spent searching the internet for a long time to find a car is now over. (and found in our own area!) We enjoy our time running the car and what little time either of us has with members of the club also. Both Quinn and I work evening shifts and most weekends. This makes it very difficult to attend events or weekend trips on any consistency. Quinn works as an RN locally and I as a Psychiatric Care Tech for the Dept. of Health Services in Winnebago. I believe someone else in the club retired from there although I haven't met them yet! We always feel welcome at every even we attend, thanks to the wonderful group in our club. As the saying goes, "It's the people". Some day the search will start for a '69-'73! (Don't tell Quinn!) +++

## Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



Photos by Herb Velazquez and Ross Velazquez

## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car

*Story by Jim Stephenson*

Most of you that know me know that I enjoy all Porsche's but tend to have a deep interest in the early cars. I guess many people purchase Porsche's because they like performance, quality, style, or other various reasons. I tend to like all of the reasons as listed, but the early history of Porsche has always fascinated me.

Germany was really devastated by World War II and did not start to rebound until the 1950's. Porsche did not start building their own car until 1948 and did not import a car to the US until 1950. It was a rare occurrence to see a Porsche in the

1950's and was much less common then seeing a Porsche on the street as of today.

A Porsche in the 1950's cost about the same as a new Cadillac, so it was usually a person that listed to the "Beat of a Different Drummer" who purchased a Porsche. The reasons people would purchase a Porsche in the 50's is many of the same reasons as today. Performance, quality, and style.

So let's jump ahead in history to the subject of my 1957 Porsche Coupe. Considering the rarity of the Porsche's in the 50's and knowing that most old cars get scraped out for salvage, crashed, or rusted out, it's

pretty rare that you find a old car that has not ever been taken apart and only has 40K original miles put on it over 50 years.

The 356 Registry which is the 3rd largest Porsche Club in the world had seen my 1957 and wanted to do a article on it. The trend these days tends to be more about interest in unrestored cars, vs. restored cars.

So please see the article as listed in the next few pages, but keep in mind this car is not restored, so try to have some respect for an old girl that has never had a restoration in 52 years. I plan to leave the car alone and never restore it.

+++





## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



Sticker in door jamb oil change 39K miles 1967.



Golden 1956 Meisterschaften badge on dash celebrating Porsches race wins.



Reutter Golden badge showing the company Porsche sub hired to build the body.



## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



Honeywell Ordnance sticker on mirror, left in place by original owner.



All original factory manuals.



Factory service warranty booklet.

## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



Unrestored engine with Magneto as installed in 1957.



Original GE sealed beam head lights " the sealed beams where installed at Hoffman the Importer in New York on all US cars " owner.



Front trunk to include factory tool kit as delivered new.



## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



Shows the Fuel valve which has three settings : AUF = Open  
RES= Reserve and ZU= Closed.



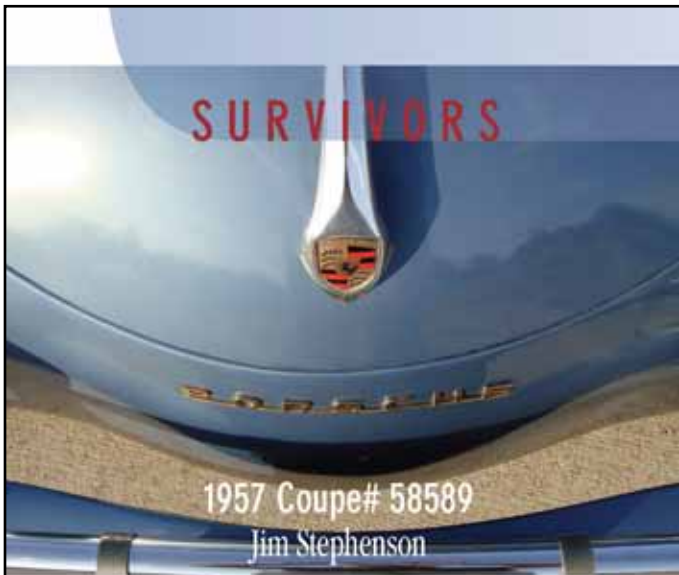
52 year old leather belt (a.k.a. spare tire hold down).



Potential future owner- son Grant.

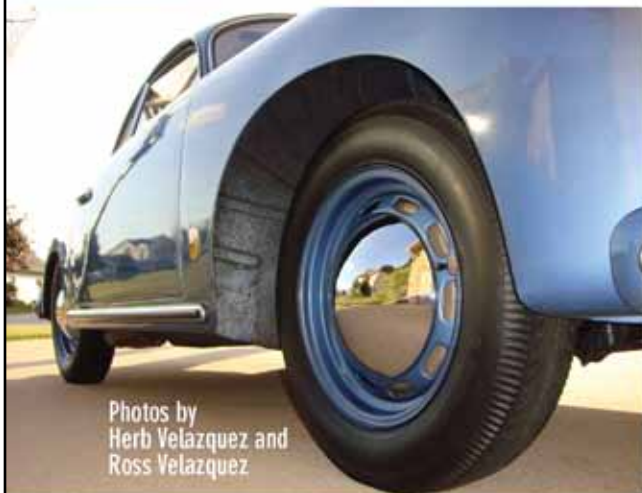


# (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car



It all started about 9 am on Tuesday morning, October 4th, 2005. I received a call from my buddy Doug telling me about a phone call he had received the prior evening from a classified wanted ad he had placed on the 356 Registry web site. Doug told me the call came from a guy named David in Minnesota. He had inherited a 1957 356A Coupe which he wanted to sell. David explained his uncle had purchased the car new and that the car runs and drives and has only 40,700 original miles. David also mentioned the car still had its four original Continental Record 5.60 X 15 tires on the rims, including the spare.

In telling me about the car, Doug was reciprocating; he had recently purchased a C Coupe which I told him about, and he knew I had expressed an interest in an A Coupe. As Doug and I hung up, I thought for a few minutes, called him back and got David's last name and phone number. I made the call and David said my buddy Doug was the only one he had contacted so far because it was the only want ad on the Registry web site looking for an A Coupe. At that point David and I talked some more and I found myself taking a trailer over to Minnesota to look at purchasing the car on Sunday, October 9th.



Photos by  
Herb Velazquez and  
Ross Velazquez



As I arrived at David's home in a Minneapolis suburb, he had the car sitting in his garage just idling beautifully. I looked the Coupe over and thought, WOW! Aquamarine blue metallic with a red/tan corduroy interior and a nice patina overall. The original factory lead around the doors and rear lids had become a little porous after a half century, affecting the paint in those spots. Yes, it still sports its original Conti 5.60 X 15 tires plus the spare, not to mention the original intact single pipe muffler and NO rust, not even the battery box. Am I in a dream or what?



## (con't.) Jim Stephenson's Survivor Car

Under the front lid was the complete tool kit with jack. Looking under the engine lid I found everything a survivor car should have but, what's this? The original owner, Henry Riel had installed a Vertex magneto in 1957, shortly after he purchased the car new in April of that year from Le Elliott Imports in Minneapolis. Needless to say, I told David I would take the car.

David then asked me if I wanted the parts. Parts? In his basement there were boxes of NOS parts (am I still in a dream?). It turns out David's uncle Henry had some money in the Le Elliott dealership which began in 1956 and folded in the early '60s. David told me the dealership did not have money to pay his uncle Henry out when it folded, so instead he received ALL the inventory of Porsche parts, and basically those parts had stayed at Henry's house in a time capsule for the last 50 years. Long story short, I ended up purchasing separately about an 18 page list of NOS 356 Pre-A, A, and Carrera parts and Service Manuals. (Please don't contact me because all the Carrera parts went to Bill Doyle, I sold off the Pre-A parts, and I'm keeping the A parts for myself.)

This 1957 A coupe is a real survivor and has never been taken apart or restored. It's a fascinating reference point for those of us who like un-



*Opposite:* Henry Riel and a nephew, when the car was new. The paint has pin bubbles where leaded seams joined but is otherwise exceptional for its age. Aside from some fading, the interior is all original, as is the entire car. *Below:* The author.

restored cars. The only thing I have done is a cleaning inside and out and chrome polishing. Other things to note are the hood spear in the front which has the grey gasket, not the black. After a cleaning of general grime under the fenders the factory overspray under the fenders showed. Neat!

The original color is the 1956 Aquamarine Blue Metallic (not the 1957 code as just Aquamarine Blue), also the interior corduroy inserts which have faded to tan are originally Grau or Grey, but because of the cotton content in the fiber it was common for the corduroy to fade in the first couple of years. The engine appears to never have been removed from the car and it runs quite well. I had also received in a box the original, mint distributor with the car, taken out in 1957 when the magneto was installed.

I have purchased a separate set of early Sudrad 1957-dated rims on which I have put a new set of 560 x 15 bias ply tires, so it has the right look and I can drive it a bit on the road. The original blue Sudrad rims will remain with the original tires for show purposes only.

Most of the car's 40,000 miles were put on the car in the first ten years of its life; an oil change sticker shows on 11/7/67 when the car had 39,329 miles on it, so between then and 10/4/05 there were only 1,371 miles added. The car's master brake cylinder was changed a few years back, but the original came with the car which just needed rebuilding - and back on the car it went.

A few other items of interest which came with the Coupe include the factory coupon book, red paper owners manual cover, owners manual, Reuter tan service booklet and all the correspondence with Ronco/Vertex on the magneto from 1957.

Lastly, the original owner, Henry Riel, who had purchased the car new in April of 1957 joined PCA in August that year and became a charter Nord Stern member and the first treasurer of the club in 1959.

I have kept Henry Riel's Honeywell parking passes on the car as a tribute to the owner who took such good care of the little blue Coupe.





## Panamera Release - Oct 17

Our October coffee and donuts included the official unveiling of the new 2010 Porsche Panamera. Some people have anticipated the Panamera's release for years, while others have argued that the car goes against the lineage of the Porsche brand. The good news is that the car is much more beautiful in person than in photographs. The Panamera S base model comes well equipped with many typical features in today's high end sedan segment but every model offers something the competition does not, an engine willing to catapult you to 60MPH in around 4 seconds. I highly recommend anyone who is interested in a Mercedes S class, BMW 7 Series, Audi A8 to consider this vehicle as a serious contender. I also would like to extend a great deal of thanks to Paul and Justin at Bergstrom of the Fox Valley for opening the dealership to our club.



# Photos from Paintwerks Tech Session - Oct 31

Photos by Laura Prellwitz.



Photo of Paul Stewart, technical director for the Milwaukee Region PCA. Paul introduced Dave Zimmer, owner of Paintwerks, and welcomed both the Milwaukee and Fox Valley Regions to the event on 10/31. Thank you again, Dave, for inviting the Fox Valley Region to the tech session. It's great to interact with our neighbors! Several members of both regions still drove their Porsches to the event.



Demonstration by Dave.



Dave working on the 911 SC (has orange peel paint problems).



# (con't.) Paintwerks Tech Session - Oct 31



Rolling out the 911 SC for a "live" demonstration.



Despite bitterly cold winds, and temps barely touching 40 degrees, approximately 50 Milwaukee and Fox Valley region members turned out for the paint and body care tech session on 10.31 hosted by Dave Zimmer (MKE member) in West Bend.



Lynn Zimmer, Dave's wife, set out a wonderful lunch for us. A variety of Quiznos subs, cookies, chips, and soda, YUM!!



## (con't.) Paintwerks Tech Session - Oct 31



Dave working on the 911. And he never even broke a sweat.....



## (con't.) Paintwerks Tech Session - Oct 31



A 356 project car??



50 PCA members in attendance. About dozen were from the FVR.



Dave Zimmer demonstration on a 911 SC



Dave working on the 911. And he never even broke a sweat.....

# Dinner and Social at Mackinaw's Grill - Nov 3

Story and photos by Laura Prellwitz.

Pat Quinn treated us to yet another wonderful evening in a private fireplace dining room with superb food and service; and generous gifts of three, \$10 gift certificates for door prizes, a scrumptious brownie sundae dessert, and a free drink coupon. Pat was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his continued support for many years to our club.

Thirty-one members and some extended family attended the affair. Jim & Mary Haen, our archivist/librarian and secretary respectively, also chose to spend the evening with us to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to Jim & Mary!! Jeff and Kimberly Vogt, new members from Oneida, and David Johnson (with his dad, Erv), returning FVR member, also attended. We enjoyed getting to know them and hope to see more of them in the future. David was the one representative from FVR at Parade

this summer that represented our club at that the awards banquet. He accepted the Enthusiast of the Year trophies on Laura Prellwitz's behalf and was the first to let her know she was selected. Laura was most happy to finally meet her "proxy" in person.

Part of the evening included "show and tell" and many of the attendees brought items to share including photos, Porsche models, a bottle opener, Porsche shirts, etc. Two highlights of the evening were Gordon Skog's first place trophy from the 2007 Kiwanis Car Show in Manitowoc, and Charlie Wise's right rear tail light with the accompanying story from Road America. Be sure to ask him about it at the holiday party when you see him. It was truly hysterical to hear him tell the saga. Thanks to everyone who brought "something Porsche" to the dinner. You made the evening extremely entertaining for all of us. We will definitely do this again next year in November.

Laura updated the group on the confirmed activities for 2010. Those members who were in attendance and will be hosting an event explained more in detail about their upcoming event. Please watch the calendar in the newsletter carefully. We will have a wide variety of new events next year throughout our region.

Members in attendance were: Tim & Renny Diedrich, Todd & Sheila Benz with son, Justin; Nick Proctor, Jamie & Laura Prellwitz, David Johnson with dad, Erv; Steve & Andrea DeBaker, Jim & Mary Haen, Jeff & Kimberly Vogt, Andrew & Elise Opicka, Joe & Peg Homel, Larry & Pat Rogers, Gordon Skog & Debbie Houle, Al Kuck, Pete & Kathie Bollenbach, Charlie & Barb Wise, and Mark & Suzanne Severino and family.

Thank you again, Pat Quinn, for a fantastic evening of fellowship and great food!  
+++



Proprietor Pat Quinn receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" plaque thanking him for the many years of hospitality he's provided to us at Mackinaw's Grill in Green Bay.



## (con't.) Dinner and Social at Mackinaw's Grill - Nov 3



Debbie is now an official member of the club - She has a membership card!!



Sheila, Justin, & Todd Benz.



Nick Proctor in an intense conversation with a fellow GT3 owner.



Jim & Mary & 25th anniversary flowers.



The Bollenbach's will be hosting an event at their home in Mountain, WI, August 7.



Jamie & Laura Prellwitz.

## (con't.) Dinner and Social at Mackinaw's Grill - Nov 3



Larry & Pat will be hosting a dinner at Victoria's Italian restaurant in Appleton on January 5.



Steve & Andrea DeBaker will be hosting the 20th Anniversary celebration July 24, 2010.



Joe & Peg Homel.



President-elect and social chairperson.



Al was without his wife, Pam, who is Australia visiting with their first-born granddaughter, Delilah. Congratulations, Grandpa Al!



Charlie and Barb Wise had the best show and tell story of the night involving a right rear signal light.



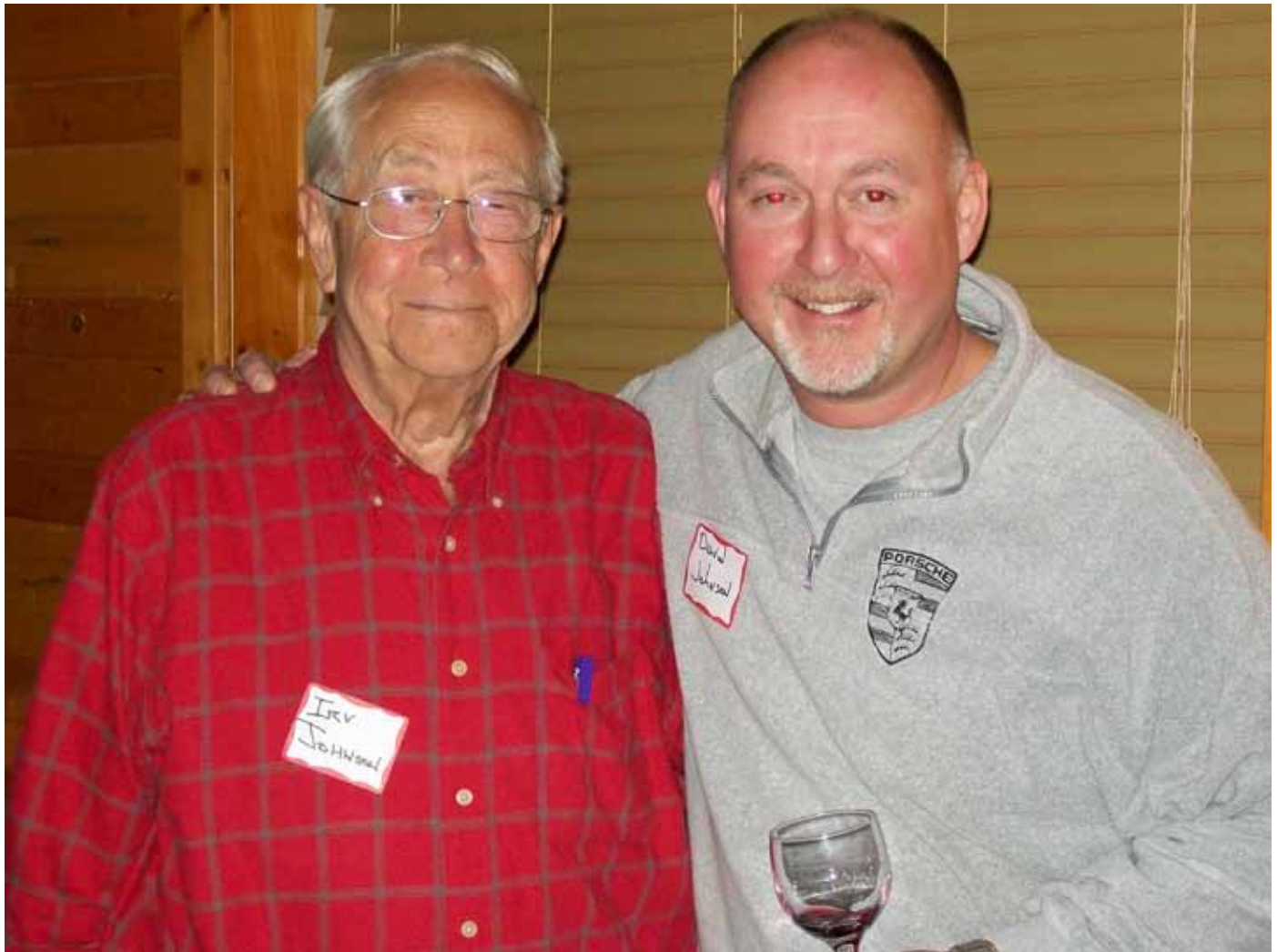
## (con't.) Dinner and Social at Mackinaw's Grill - Nov 3



The Severino family joined us at Mackinaw's.



Left to right: Tim Diedrich, new members Kimberly and Jeff Vogt, and Kathie Bollenbach.



Returning member, David Johnson, brought his dad, Erv, to the dinner. David had been a FVR member several years ago, but left the area. He recently returned and re-joined our region. David was also our one representative at Parade this year in Keystone, CO, and accepted the Enthusiast of the Year trophies on behalf of Laura Prellwitz.



### 1. Play Engine 2. Can you match the sound?

#### Carrera



Download



911 Carrera (1996)



911 Carrera S (1997 Gen I)



911 Carrera (1964)

#### Classic



Download



911 RS 3.0



911 Carrera RS 2.7



911 Carrera RS 3.8

#### Race Derived



Download



911 GT3 RS (1997 Gen I)



911 GT3 (1997 Gen II)



911 Carrera RS (1993)

#### 911 Turbo



Download



911 Turbo 3.0 (1990)



911 Turbo (1997 Gen I)



911 Turbo 3.6 (1993)

#### Motorsport



Download



935 "Baby"



911 GT1



936

### Evolution 911 Competition.

Test your Porsche knowledge by matching the engine sounds with the correct 911 for a chance to win an Evolution 911 driving experience at the Porsche Experience Centre at Silverstone. Simply make your selection and submit your details. Competition closing date is the 31st January 2010.

### 3. Take part in the competition

Salutation\* Title Other  
 --- --- ---

First name\* Last name\*  
 --- ---

e-mail\*  
 --- @ ---

- ☐ I have read and understood the [privacy policy](#)\*
- ☐ I have read and understood the [Terms and Conditions](#)\*
- ☐ I do not want to be contacted by Porsche regarding future activity or information

**SUBMIT**



Need help? Why not share with your friends [SHARE](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Visit Site to Compete- <http://www.porsche.com/microsite/evolution-911-competition/silverstone.aspx>  
 Submitted by Ross Velazquez.

**Touchmark on West Prospect is offering heated locked underground parking for \$50/month.**

Contact Tina L. Zwahr at 920-832-9100

The address is 2601 Touchmark Drive, Appleton WI 54914.

This property is across Prospect from Butte des Mortes Golf Club.

All day access with a phone call to the front desk.

They allow polishing and petting of your cars, but no mechanical or body work, etc.

Submitted by James Putman.

**Website with Photos of Ultra Cool Garages!!!**



<http://tinyurl.com/ydrdxzs>

Submitted by Jim Stephenson.

# Holiday Party 2009 - Dec 12

## Holiday Party 2009

**When:** Saturday, December 12, 2009  
**Where:** Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk,  
 123 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956  
**Details:** **3:30 – 5:00 PM** – BOD Officers Only meeting  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Reception/social, People Bingo, private cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction\*\* bidding  
**7:00 – 8:00 PM** – Italian Buffet dinner, includes beverage and dessert  
**8:00 – 9:00 PM** – Brief business meeting, awards recipients announced, silent auction wraps up, door prizes, introduction of new officers for 2010  
**9:00 PM** – Silent Auction promptly closes. Winners announced. All money goes to charity.  
**10:00 PM** – Continued social time in Fan Club  
**Cost:** \$12.00 per member\*. Non-members or additional guests \$22 per person.  
 (\*The FVR is subsidizing the cost of the dinner)

Overnight Accommodations: For those traveling out of town, or who just want to extend the evening, there is a small block of hotel rooms reserved. Approximate cost is \$79 plus tax. You may call the hotel directly at 1-800-725-6348 to reserve a room. Tell them it's for the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club. Reservations accepted through November 14. Unreserved rooms are released after that date.

*\*\*\*Silent auction items may or may not be car-related. Every year we have an amazing variety of "white elephant" and other items that are donated, which makes the auction a lot of fun. Holiday-related items are welcome, too. Some of us do our holiday shopping at this event! All monies raised go towards our charities, Multiple Sclerosis Foundation of Wisconsin and the Supermileage event at Fox Valley Technical College. Thanks to the Strublic's, we have MANY items direct from the Porsche museum to auction!*

### Reservations will be accepted until December 2.

Send your checks to: **Laura Prellwitz, 1115 South 35 Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220.** No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after Dec. 2. NO SHOWS will not be refunded as the club cannot be penalized for non-attending members. (This has sometimes been a problem in the past.) If you need to cancel, contact Laura Prellwitz (920-242-1644) directly no later than December 2.

**\*\*\***The subsidy applies for up to two persons per household. Additional guests/ family member will be charged \$22.

Sincere thanks to this year's planning committee: Andrew & Elise Opicka, Debbie Houle, Barb Wise, Al & Ann Taylor, Nick Proctor, and Laura Prellwitz.

# Porsche Historical Trip - May

## A Porsche Historical Trip that you will both enjoy – May 2010

Travel with fellow Porsche enthusiasts to **France, Germany and Austria** in the spring. We will be starting out at the WWII beaches in Normandy and the Champaign region at Rheims and then into Germany. Tours of the Porsche factory, the new Porsche museum and the Mercedes museum in Stuttgart will be followed by a stay in the romantic Austrian village of Zell am See.

A trip to the Porsche 356 birthplace in Gmünd will be complemented with a side trip to Berchtesgaden (the Eagles Nest). Continuing on to the idyllic village of Bayreuth we will visit the home town of Richard Wagner. Our trip will end in the romantic town of Büdingen.

This trip is designed for all interests and will be low pressure and relaxing. If your companion is not a car enthusiast we are planning interesting alternate tours, activities and shopping. This is meant to be both an automotive theme trip as well as enjoying the history and culture of these countries. We will be visiting places not on standard commercial tours and my personal friends in Europe will be our hosts. Space is limited so please contact us for more details.



Visits to Gmünd include the original factory building and the Pfeifhofer Porsche Museum



Dining at rural Gästehaus allows us to sample the local food and beer



Zell am See in Austria will be our base for many day trips



We will tour Paris along with our day trip to Normandy



**Patrick Yanahan**  
Automotive Reisen, Ltd.  
222 Midway Drive  
Willowbrook, IL 60527  
Tel: 630 395 7000  
Email: [pyanahan@comcast.net](mailto:pyanahan@comcast.net)  
[www.automotivereisen.com](http://www.automotivereisen.com)



# FVR 20th Anniversary Celebratio - Jul 24

## Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 24, 2010  
Trout Springs Winery  
8150 River Road  
Greenleaf, WI  
[www.troutspringswinery.com](http://www.troutspringswinery.com)

Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker and Laura Prellwitz

Please join us for a day of fine wine tasting, food, music, Bocce ball, door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction for charity.

All previous and current officers and members are invited to attend.

The Celebration begins at 1:00 PM

Potluck dinner later afternoon (please bring a dish to share)

Bocce ball, raffles, silent auction and live music to follow

**RSVP's are REQUIRED no later than July 17, 2010**  
to Laura Prellwitz at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

Purchase your 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirt at any of the first Tuesday of the month dinners ahead of time,  
or at the anniversary event. Wear it and BE PROUD!!

If you would like assistance with hotel reservations, please contact Laura for help.  
We may try to have a golf outing at Wander Springs in the AM. If interested, please let Laura know and she will get back to you.



# Porsche Builds New Paint Shop

*Submitted by Jill Beck.*

## **Porsche Builds New Paint Shop with Latest Environmental Technology**

**Innovative Production Facilities Conserves Resources and Cuts Emissions to a Minimum.**

Atlanta, November 3, 2009 - Porsche AG has announced it is expanding its innovative automobile production at the main factory in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen to include one of the most modern and environmentally-friendly paint shops in the world that will significantly reduce overall emissions of this notoriously problematic industrial process and still result in a more superior paint finish on the cars going through it.

The factory at Zuffenhausen is where Porsche builds all its 911 and Boxsters sports cars.

The outer skeleton structure of the new paint shop has already taken shape, with the steel supports set to be completed in early 2010, and the entire facility is scheduled to be operational by 2011.

The paint shop will be run on two-shift-operation with a daily capacity of up to 170 911 and Boxster models at the Zuffenhausen facility. The latest environmentally sensitive technologies are being used during the new construction process as well as for the painting operation.

For example, the painting process will feature complete dust protection with 100 percent encapsulation. This method not only enhances the already high quality of the vehicle paint coat, but also reduces the required amount of conditioned hall air required.

A unique electrostatic precipitator for paint dust will further cut the emission of solvents and particles to a minimum. The painting process is able to coat the cars without the mandatory 195-foot-high exhaust smokestack usually required to dissipate paint dust exhaust. This is attributed to the increased amount of circulated air and the exceptionally effective exhaust air purifier that only requires a small smokestack, which extends 33 feet above the roof.

Another environmentally-friendly innovation for the shop is a highly efficient energy management system.

“With the new paint shop, Porsche is ensuring that it will deliver surpassing quality in Zuffenhausen today and tomorrow - while also conserving resources in an exceptionally ecological and economical manner”, explains Wolfgang Leimgruber, Member of the Executive Board for Production and Logistics, Porsche AG.

Porsche is relying on regional

specialists for these technical innovations.

The Stuttgart-based Maschinen- und Anlagenbaukonzern Dürr AG, as the general contractor, is equipping the painting lines with the latest application technology, driers for hardening the paint as well as control and conveyor technology.

“Porsche will have one of the most modern paint shops in the world that will initiate new potential for quality and productivity, thereby setting new standards,” explains Ralf Dieter, Chairman of the Executive Board at Dürr AG.

The pretreatment system and cathodic paint dipping system with novel conveyor technology and the electrostatic separator for paint particles will be supplied by the Böblingen system provider, Eisenmann, a sub-supplier of Dürr AG.

With a comprehensive wastewater treatment facility, this environmentally-friendly technology enables effluent levels that are many times less than legal limits.

“Porsche is the first automobile manufacturer in the world to use this technology”, explains Dr. Matthias von Krauland, spokesperson for the Executive Board of Eisenmann AG.

+++

# 2011 Porsche Boxster Spyder

*Submitted by Jill Beck.*

*Photo courtesy Porsche AG*

2011 Porsche Boxster Spyder: Light, Powerful, Purist Roadster to be Introduced at Los Angeles Auto Show

Porsche's newest entry will be the lightest in its line-up.

ATLANTA - November 5, 2009 - Weighing in at just 2,811 lbs., the new 2011 Porsche Boxster Spyder will be the lightest Porsche available - from a company known for lightweight, proficient sports cars. This new mid-engined roadster represents the true, purist form of the sports car - agile, powerful, open and efficient. This third Boxster model will join the Boxster and Boxster S and will make its world debut at the Los Angeles Auto Show, December 2, 2009.

The newest member of the Boxster family stands out from the other versions of Porsche's mid-engined roadster. Its low-slung, lightweight soft top - when

closed - extends far to the rear to protect the driver and passenger from bright sunshine, wind and weather. This top, when combined with extra-low side windows and two striking bulges on the single-piece rear lid, provides the Boxster Spyder with a sleek silhouette reminiscent of the Carrera GT.

The Boxster Spyder features a 3.4-liter six-cylinder engine with Direct Fuel Injection upfront of the rear axle. Maximum output is 320 horsepower (hp), 10 hp more than the Boxster S. The combination of 10 more hp and 176 pounds less weight than the award-winning Boxster S, plus an all-new sport suspension that lowers the Boxster Spyder 20 mm, a lower center of gravity, a standard limited slip differential, and exclusive wheels provides the kind of driving dynamics that back up the unique look. Aluminum door skins and lightweight interior door panels from the 911 GT3 RS contribute to the weight reduction.

When equipped with Porsche-

Doppelkupplung (PDK) transmission and the Sports Chrono Package, the new Spyder, using Launch Control, accelerates from a standstill to 60 mph in 4.6 seconds. Top track speed is 166 mph - with the roof open.

Fundamentally, the entire Boxster family is the successor to the legendary 550 Spyder and RS 60 of the Fifties and Sixties, all sharing the same mid-engine roadster concept. Low weight and supreme agility combine to provide outstanding driving pleasure.

In 2004 and 2008 Porsche produced limited editions of the Boxster bearing the additional name Spyder, honoring the 550 and RS 60. In contrast, the new Boxster Spyder is a regular, but specially developed and upgraded production model as compared with the Boxster and Boxster S.

The 2011 Boxster Spyder goes on sale February 2010. U.S. pricing is \$61,200.

###





## (con't.) 2011 Porsche Boxster Spyder



# PORSCHE PANAMERA

Panamera article from [www.PCA.org](http://www.PCA.org). Reprint permission is granted to Region newsletters. "Reprinted with permission from PCA.org." Submitted by Jill Beck.

\*\*\*

## Feels Like Home

*Porsche Panamera. Embrace the moment.*

by Bob Beck

Porsche likes to speak of its DNA. Study the Porsche family of cars and you'll understand what Porsche's DNA is all about. It's a family of technology, passion and proportion in motion. It is perhaps best said that nothing drives like a 911. If you are going to build the ultimate sports car it goes without saying that it will be compared to a 911. Introduced in 1964, the archetype 911 defines the sports car.

On the other hand if you are going to build an ultimate sports sedan it

would typically be compared to an Audi/Mecedes/BMW/Maserati-ish sort of thing. There are a lot of good choices in the luxury sports sedan category – A8, M5, CLS AMG, Quattroporte. At one time it would have been hard to choose, but no longer. Today there is really only one choice and it is unequivocally the Porsche Panamera. It's that good. You simply need drive it to understand.

As a born skeptic, I traveled off to sample the new Panamera as a 911 man. On the roads of Milwaukee and the track at Road America, I would test the Panamera as a 911 devotee. Being a 911 man I really don't do automotive change well. With apologies to Porsche, I haven't even completely accepted the Cayenne. I have owned or driven every type Porsche made and enjoyed them all but I'm a 911 man at heart. There is something intangible that gets in your blood with the 911. It is driving perfection.

Now, frankly, my automotive world order has been rocked. A middle age fog could be clouding my vision but I'm rethinking the whole 911 man thing. Maybe a Panamera could fit in my garage, too? Maybe I'd like to take the wife and kids when I lap the Nürburgring. No, my manhood is not withering as we speak. I am still loyal to the 911 but the Panamera is an amazing car. Perhaps it's even worthy of consideration as the perfect Porsche.

The technology and numbers of the Panamera have been well-documented by now. It brings a lot to the game with an efficient direct injection engine mated to a smooth 7-speed PDK transmission with all of the suspension and engine tuning buttons one could dream of located on the center console. S and 4S versions sport a 4.8-liter, 400 hp V8 engine, while the Turbo version pumps out a conservative 500 hp to all four wheels. When the launch control feature activates, it's nothing short of amazing. Prices range from \$90K to over \$130K.

All this tech goodness delivers stunning performance. The performance is beyond the sports sedan expectations. It's really a super sedan. The Panamera Turbo has a Porsche stated zero-to-sixty of 3.8 seconds, only three-tenths slower than the 911 Turbo. In usual Porsche fashion, these numbers are a bit conservative as the street times are rumored to be 3.5 for the Turbo Panamera. The 400 hp normally asperated Panamera turns in a healthy 5.2 second zero-to-sixty.



## (con't.) PORSCHE PANAMERA

Tie this together with the legendary Porsche chassis and brakes and we're off to the races.

But numbers and factoids don't make a Porsche. (Heck, the Corvette has good numbers but it ain't no Porsche, my friend.) The roads and race tracks of the real world is where Porsche has earned its' reputation. My Panamera test drive came with real world extremes. Milwaukee has some of the worst weather rutted roads in the world. Contrast this with Road America, just outside of Milwaukee, one of the best driving, well-storied tracks in the country. So how does

it drive? As expected in a six-figure car, the Panamera is perfect for a long haul drive in the city or country. The long wheelbase and sophisticated suspension tuning make for a perfect compromise of supple ride and top of the class handling. With smooth PDK transmission, efficient direct injection power in the 400 or 500 hp range, it takes off like your favorite executive jet. To complete the experience, Porsche adds to that what it calls an "executive class interior" (think Bentley meets LearJet).

Porsche is very, very good at most things, but they have yet to master Mother Nature. So I tackled Road America in the wet... very wet. An ark would have been more appropriate for the biblical proportions of rain. Chassis dynamics and physics come to play much earlier in this kind of weather. Fortunately for me I had Porsche factory driver Patrick Long riding shotgun to help temper my driving skills.

Belted in a six-figure car with 500 horsepower on a very wet track I had never driven, Patrick and I





## (con't.) PORSCHE PANAMERA

paddled up to speed. Once settled into the cockpit, I would have sworn I had jumped into a 911. It felt like home. The IP and cockpit are designed to feel like home for the 911 driver. The power and handling are world-class good. The car feels completely neutral and begs to be pushed hard even in the wet. The steering is precise, but a little numb on feedback compared to the 911, but this is understandable with the large engine up front. The Michelin Pilot Sport PS2s offered amazing grip as I found out when I unleashed the 500 hp Turbo on the back straight. The thrust was astonishing. The only thing that felt out of sorts were the sweet engine sounds that were coming from the wrong end of car. Oh well, lots of Le Mans winning cars have had the engine up front.

A lot has been made of the exterior design. Some say it's not the best looking car ever made. Certainly, the same was said of the original Beetle

and even the first 911, the 901. The Panamera looks like a Porsche and one must see it in person to judge how well form follows function. My experience is that when you see it in person and drive it at speed and the Panamera morphs into a thing of absolute beauty. Form so very much follows function. The proportions of the car in motion define its beauty. Porsches are not static objects. Touch the Panamera, drive it, and you will see the beauty. Whether driving on Road America or up to your favorite valet parking event on Saturday night and you are front row material.

The most important design feature of the Panamera is the interior. Fittingly this is the first Porsche that focuses on passengers as well as the driver. It is a unique interior synthesis between sports car and luxury sedan. It is a distinctly Porsche interior with a splash of English-like

coachwork and luxury to boot. This the most luxurious interior seen from Stuttgart. Four things immediately stand out: first, the ascending center console, reminiscent of the Carrera GT; second, the four individual seats, all 911-style sport seats for great support; third, the amount of space in the rear, where even taller passengers will find plenty of legroom and headroom (with room for those well over 6 feet tall); and fourth, the versatility of the luggage compartment, thanks to the folding rear seats. The driver feels coddled by all the dynamic features of the Panamera interior - seat position, pedal placement, instrument panel and so on. Fortunately the dynamic luxury the driver feels is shared with all the passengers - the experience is indistinguishable from one seat to the next. The center console extends into the rear seats, so the rear passengers can access their individual gadgets for climate control and seating options. Every surface can be covered in the rich leather with wood and metal touches. In fact the only people who are not going to enjoy this interior are the folks at Mercedes or Bentley. It is stunning.

I sense a paradigm shift coming and it is the Panamera. Perhaps this is the first archetype for the super sedan. Porsche definitely built a better sedan and in the process they may have built one of the best Porsches ever. Sixty plus years ago, Dr. Ferry Porsche built the car he wanted and the world loved. Now Porsche has built the car you and your family will want. The Panamera has arrived. Embrace the moment and take a trip to your local Porsche dealership.



# PORSCHE Approved Winter Tires

*Submitted by Jill Beck.  
Photo courtesy Porsche AG*

## Porsche Approves Winter Tires Specifically for Young and Old Classics

Extensive Tire Test Program for Older Model Series

Stuttgart - November 18, 2009 - Porsche has extended its demanding approval process for winter tires to include tires for young and old classics. Offering customers this unusual service, the German manufacturer of sports cars enables drivers of older models to use the best available products on their car. Porsche is therefore providing valuable help and orientation particularly in the process of choosing new winter tires with safe driving characteristics also on snow and ice. A further point is that this makes Porsche one of the few car makers to offer such an elaborate tire approval process.

Well over 70 percent of all Porsche sports cars ever built still exist today and are still driven actively in most cases - in both summer and winter. Indeed, even classic Porsche models more than 20 years old still offer the kind of performance today one would expect of a modern sports car. But the tires fitted when such old and new classics were still in production have no longer been available for years. Tire treads and rubber compounds have changed in an ongoing process of development, thus influencing the driving behaviour of such old Porsche models.

Conducting elaborate tests, Porsche's engineers determine which of the tires available today harmonize best with the features of a classic Porsche. The highlight in this testing and approving process is an extensive test program up north in the Polar Circle.

Numerous Porsche models built in

former years, among them the 911, 928, 964, 993 and 996, and then all the way to the first Boxsters, have been tested for this purpose on countless laps at the Arctic Driving Center in the Finnish town of Rovaniemi.

The criteria to be fulfilled by the tires tested in order to receive approval by Porsche are so strict that not all tires met the test requirements. The characteristics and features typical of an older air-cooled 911, for example, form an challenge not easy to overcome.

Further tests for dry and wet handling on test routes free of snow round off the test programme as such. Information on which tires are recommended for which Porsche model is presented on Porsche's website ([www.porsche.com](http://www.porsche.com)) and is also available at all Porsche dealerships.





# New Members and Anniversaries



## Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicle	Member Since
William & Linda Bein	Bend, OR	1974 911 1996 993 1981 911	1995
Albert Dorsch	Shawano, WI	1986 911	2004
Joe & Peg Homel	DePere, WI	1997 993TT	1991
William & Carolyn McDonald	Marquette, MI	1989 944	2008

## Transfer Members

Peter & Donna Smart	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	1975 914	2007
---------------------	----------------------	----------	------

## New Members

Carl & Nancy Maiers-Knox	Appleton, WI	1988 944T	2009
Joshua Skog & Pamela Pelot	Neenah, WI	1963 356B	2009

# General Information

## Club Address

FVR-PCA  
c/o Laura Prellwitz  
1495 Winchester Road,  
Neenah, WI 54956  
Phone: (920)242-1644

## Officers

President - Laura Prellwitz  
[lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)  
[fvrpca@yahoo.com](mailto:fvrpca@yahoo.com)

Vice President - Nick Proctor  
[Nick@theproctors.com](mailto:Nick@theproctors.com)

Secretary - Mary Haen  
[mehaen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net)

Treasurer - Larry Rogers  
[fvrpca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fvrpca@sbcglobal.net)

Membership - Gordon Skog  
[Gord240z@hotmail.com](mailto:Gord240z@hotmail.com)

Librarian/Archivist - Jim Haen  
[mehaen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net)

Social Chair - Elise Opicka  
[hercelise@gmail.com](mailto:hercelise@gmail.com)

Insurance Coordinator - Denis Olson  
[pcar@olsonsgatheringplace.com](mailto:pcar@olsonsgatheringplace.com)

Webmeister - Al Taylor  
[ataylor@wtct.net](mailto:ataylor@wtct.net)

Technical Chairperson - Andrew Opicka  
[Andrew@Opicka.com](mailto:Andrew@Opicka.com)

Newsletter Editor - Herb Velazquez  
[hvelazquez@new.rr.com](mailto:hvelazquez@new.rr.com)

Dealership Liaison - Public Relation  
Nick Proctor [nick@theproctors.com](mailto:nick@theproctors.com)  
Tim Diedrich [newma@new.rr.com](mailto:newma@new.rr.com)

Zone Rep - Ken Hold  
[kendellhold@insightbb.com](mailto:kendellhold@insightbb.com)

## Editorial Policy



WHALETALES is the official monthly publication of the Fox Valley Region of the Porsche Club of America. Statements and opinions appearing in WHALETALES are those of the authors, and not necessarily those of PCA, FVR, the Board, or the Editor.

The Editor reserves the right to edit all material and to publish only material that is felt to be in the best interest of FVR-PCA. Other regions are welcome to reprint Whaletales articles, provided that the source and author are credited.

Email address changes must be sent to the Club President, Laura Prellwitz, at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net).

To have your questions, comments, articles or pictures published in WHALETALES, email the Club President or the Newsletter Editor no later than the 20th of the month.

Please send all information (writings and pictures) as an attachment in your email. Please include name of event, caption for photos, full names of people in photos and photo credits. Please also feel free to write an article related to club events that you attend. All content should be Porsche related or related to FVR-PCA events.

## Advertising Rates

PCA Members get 25% discount.

Full Page	1/4 Page
1 Year - \$400.00	1 Year - \$125.00
1 Month - \$40.00	1 Month - \$15.00
1/2 Page	Business Card
1 Year - \$225.00	1 Year - \$50.00
1 Month - \$25.00	1 Month - \$10.00

## NEW - Classifieds Section

All classifieds free to PCA members for the purpose of selling, trading or requesting Porsche related STUFF (not for services). Please keep to 5-lines (30 words), 1-photo (~ 2.25" x 1.5") Resubmit each month.