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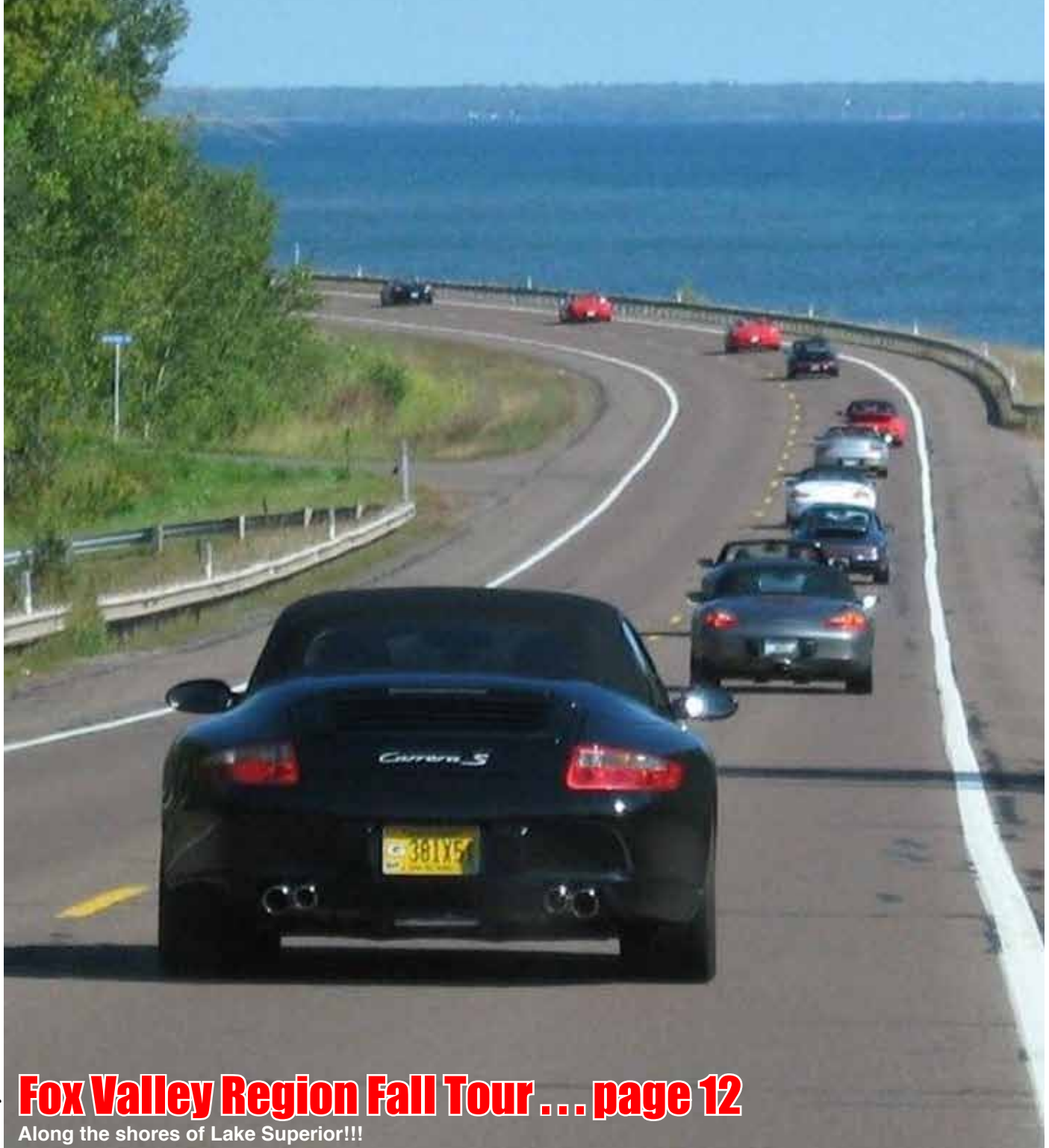


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Fox Valley Region Fall Tour... page 12

Along the shores of Lake Superior!!!

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Calendar of Activities

- November **3 Tuesday** – Dinner/social @ Mackinaw's in Green Bay. Laura Prellwitz hosting. "Show and Tell" night. Bring your favorite PORSCHE "something" and show it off.
- December **12 Saturday** – Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. Italian buffet menu.
- 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 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.
- September 17-19 – Fall Tour to Prairie du Chien and Spring Green areas. Al & Ann Taylor and Warren & Joyce Beaver, tourmeisters
- December 11 Saturday – Holiday party at Holiday Inn Neenah.

November



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From the President

November President's Letter

November is a time of transition for most of us. Often, it indicates the end of the Porsche driving season. Many of you use this time to make repairs, do some upgrades, or take care of general maintenance. Some of you are fortunate enough to go south for the winter and are still able to enjoy your Porsche in much nicer weather, too! November is also the beginning of the holiday season. I wish you safe and happy travels, and happy times with family and friends.

In addition to all that, we still have two very exciting events left in our 2009 calendar! If you are still in Wisconsin, please come out and join us! Alternate vehicles in the parking lot are acceptable. November 3 is a social and dinner at **Mackinaw's Bar & Grill** on the east side of Green Bay. It is owned by fellow member, **Pat Quinn**, who always treats to us a wonderful evening. Be sure to wear or bring something "Porsche" or "Fox Valley Region" to show and share.

December 12 is our annual holiday party, and it is sure to be the best we've ever had. This year we have a committee of hard-working members who have brought many new ideas to the celebration, so be sure to attend. More details are elsewhere in the newsletter. In addition to the special items from the Porsche Museum for the silent auction brought back from Germany by the **Strublics**, is a large, three-paneled banner of a 911, that had been hanging in the showroom of Bergstrom Porsche. Sincerest thanks go to **Paul Ellsworth** for donating it to our region for the auction. In spring we raffled a similar banner of a Cayenne GTS that was quite popular. I'm the sure the 911 banner will bring even more interest.

Andrew Opicka and I have been working diligently on building the calendar of events for 2010. We are taking into consideration your responses to his recent survey and will try to offer more technical and track events, or to network with other larger regions which can offer

DE and AX. We're happy to see that you are enjoying the news and technical e-mail updates, too, but we will reduce the number of them. Several of you mentioned having a rally. That was attempted several years ago, and only three members showed up. Needless to say, the host was very frustrated and disappointed, so that's why we have not had one since. If enough members offer to help, we can certainly try to have another one in the future. It takes a lot of personnel to have a successful rally. Track events are extremely costly, and again, require a lot of personnel. We are networking with other regions to increase our region's participation in track events, but we are simply too small to have a track event of our own. Another suggestion was to have more one day driving tours. That's a great suggestion, but again, we need members to offer to host these types of things. Please contact Andrew Opicka or me if you are willing to do so.

It is thrilling to see so many new members getting involved and offering to host events as well. We have many new social and touring events next year that I am extremely excited about, especially the spring waterfalls tour to the U.P. and of course, our legendary and infamous fall tour. More first Tuesday of the month dinner hosts are still needed! Please contact Andrew or me if you're willing to host a dinner. It's really quite simple and a lot of fun! Restaurants don't need to be fancy; your favorite pizzeria, sports bar, or mom and pop joint are great, too! Our region covers a large area and we want to reach out to all of our members throughout the region, not just the Fox Cities. Don't be shy about offering to host a dinner if you live in a smaller town in northern, central, or eastern Wisconsin. We love to drive our cars to those areas!

Jim Stephenson is once again organizing a fun bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show February 20, 2010. From all indications so far, Porsche probably will not be at the show, so we will make a stop at the Porsche Exchange to get our "Porsche fix" as Jim stated. Watch for more

details via e-mail and newsletter. I believe this is about the fourth time Jim has organized this trip and it is always a blast. Lamers provides door-to-door service on modern coach busses, so we are cozy and warm and at all times. You may bring food and beverages on the bus, too.



Lastly, I have been approached by several people about possibly taking a national office, being a chairperson at Parade, or becoming a zone representative sometime in the future. While I appreciate the compliment behind the discussion, I want to make it absolutely clear that I have no interest, now or in the future, to take on further responsibilities with PCA. While it's a terrific organization I am proud to be part of, and I am especially most honored to be our region's president, I have neither the time nor the motivation to go to the next level. Additional dialogue will not sway me. I hope that my decision will be respectfully acknowledged and the conversations/requests will cease.

Please be sure to cast your vote by November 15 for our region's new President, Vice-president, and especially, Member of the Year. I would suggest reviewing the past editions of the newsletter to choose a nominee that you feel has done the most for the region in 2009. Everyone's vote is important, so please vote when you receive your ballot. I also hope you will be as supportive and as enthusiastic with the new officers as you have been to **Nick Proctor** and me. Our region has grown and improved tremendously these past two years, so please keep the energy going. Be sure to "let your little light shine!"

Sincerely,

Laura Prellwitz

From our Librarian

Just a few library notes.

6 new titles were received this week from Motorbooks. The remaining other 5 titles I ordered in Spring are so new they are not even published yet. I didn't even know that's how the publishing world works! I guess everybody has cut back this year.

Now were up to approx 220 titles, and not a single one is unaccounted for! There's an index in a blue binder in the Library closet too, but generally the latest titles have a higher number printed on the spine. Al will get a copy of that index on our website someday also.

The library is always free, self serve, and on your honor. Just sign the library card in the jacket and deposit it in the white card sized box. Take as many as you'd like. When you return the media, simply pull out the correct library card, reinsert it in the jacket, and file the media back in the closet for the next member.

Please patronize Motorbooks.com for all your media needs, and Gordon for volunteering space in his waiting room to store our resources. And thank you to Andrew O. for volunteering to convert some of our irreplaceable VHS tapes to DVD. He's got a few of them done already.

After a bunch of high techie stuff, the Porsche Museum archival DVD has been converted to a format that can be viewed in the USA. The original DVD was sent to us in the European PAL format that doesn't always play in DVD players sold in the US. The original copy is also housed in the library and has both a German and English language version DVDs in case you want to brush up on your foreign language. Our converted format copy is English only.

Jimmy Haen
Librarian

Member Bio : Mark & Barb Wilkinson

First off, I'd like to say "Hello!" to the many members of the Fox Valley Region PCA. In the short time since joining this group, my wife Barb and I have had the great pleasure of meeting with many of you, and have genuinely enjoyed the experience. I am one to be fascinated by the range of life experiences in any given group of people, and likewise by the similarities.

From reading several of the bios in past issues of *WhaleTales*, I was moved to recall an anguished expression on my mother's face as she drove up the driveway one summer afternoon. I guess to me, wearing a new white T-shirt covered in thick, black grease seemed perfectly normal. Apparently she wasn't so impressed with my need to take things mechanical apart and put them back together just to see what makes them tick (one of those similarities). I think it was to my advantage that the driveway was long, and that I am the youngest of the clan; she got over it pretty quick.

The plot had been set; I never got over it and still take things apart just for the heck of it, and as long as they still work when putting them back together I get paid to do it besides. Lucky me, I have a whole crew to help out with that now, I am employed as a maintenance supervisor at Sara Lee Foods in New London. Funny how the automotive angle works its way back in; when I was graduating from high school in New London a trade school counselor pegged me as managing an automotive shop in the future, that was when I started out training for a career as an auto mechanic. I've managed a few more shreds of evidences that academic learning suits me along the way, the most recent being a Masters of Engineering at UW Platteville.

My father was a very practical man;



At Michigan House Cafe & Brew Pub, Calumet Michigan September 19, 2009 during the FVR PCA Fall Tour.

the family vehicles I recall from my pre-teen years were a Rambler Ambassador, circa 1958 I believe, and an early 60's Rambler American. Not exactly sports cars, but becoming familiar with those vehicles did instill an appreciation for congruence of form and function in automotive design. Or, as Karen Schulze, Editor-in-Chief of Porsche's *Christophorus* magazine clarifies the words applied in Ferry Porsche's philosophy; "never separate beauty and function, because beauty as an end in itself has no place in a Porsche" (Editorial, August / September 2009).

Avid reading of magazines such as *Car & Driver* and *Road & Track* during my "formative years" saw the introduction of the whale tail 911 (type 930) stateside. It was obviously both beautiful and functional, but having been raised to be practical

that was surely not a vehicle that I was expecting to ever become familiar with; not with the kind of familiarity which to this day recalls the dashboard "pushbutton automatic" in my father's Rambler.

The vehicles I've owned over the years run the gamut of hopeless impracticality. First was a 1955 GMC ton pickup truck; that experience introduced me to the world of the V-8 engine (and smoking rear tires), what more could a 16 year-old have wanted? The 70's version "oil crisis" steered me back to practicality, and my automotive adventures moved to Corvairs. I had a blast with those cars, and became proficient at removing/replacing the flat 6 engine (oh yes, it was the "poor man's Porsche") to replace the transmission output shaft, as engine torque and my driving habits conspired to twist it

(con't.) Member Bio : Mark & Barb Wilkinson

beyond the yield point.

My older brother had by this time rendered our parents expectations for practicality irrevocably broken, by coming home with a beautiful red MGA roadster. And my now piqued interest in foreign vehicles led to a familiarity with Opel, in part due to the Manta proving to be competitive in off-road rallying. The Opel GT was a remarkably attractive and affordable car of the day, but my budget at the time afforded me with a couple of older Opel sedans. One Opel shared the higher output 106 HP 1.9 liter engine with the GT; this was not a bad compromise in the name of practicality. With a new set of Michelin's that car handled awesomely (compared to a ton pickup truck), and performance modifications for the engine were underway, including .040 over pistons, higher lift camshaft, and installing a Weber 40DCOE carburetor. Learning one night that the Michelin's did not stick to the tarmac all that well in the rain led to a replacement windshield and some bruises to the bodywork.

The first vehicle to so enamor me on first sight that I "just had to have it" was a 1975 Triumph TR7. I had spotted it on a car lot in Appleton one night while carousing with friends, the return trip a few days later proved I was no less smitten when sober. The Opel went away; the engine parts eventually went to a friend's acquaintance that was thrilled to get a deal on those parts that would now go into a deserving GT. The Triumph, for all of its shortcomings was great fun and I enjoyed it for several years until trading it off for a practical Honda Civic. So yes, I am apparently certifiable.

Recollection is challenging at times; I nearly forgot about a 1984 Toyota Celica with sunroof and the

bulletproof 22R I4, that car proved to be far better handling than the Triumph. Over the next few decades as I came to greatly enjoy two wheeled travels after owning a couple of earlier Honda motorcycles (older brother forgot to pull the keys from his, and I was hooked on my first joyride) I eventually purchased a 1988 BMW K100RS, a beautiful blau and weiss model, the first production motorcycle with anti-lock brakes. Along the way I had rebuilt an insurance salvage K1100LT, but found it was far too sedate for my style of riding.

It is certainly about time I introduce my wife Barb; we had been together for several years before being married so she knew full well what she was getting into. And even with that knowledge she agreed enthusiastically to the idea of touring Europe by motorcycle for our honeymoon seventeen years ago. That trip was truly a remarkable experience that we will always remember. Barb has her own stories to tell; with tales of an Austin-Healy owned by a family member, and an apparently greater tendency to plant her right foot than I was aware of, something came up in her conversation with the ladies this last weekend on the Fall Tour about a Pontiac GTO and smoking tires? Barb is a Fox Valley native as well, and is employed by Fox Valley Technical College as IT support staff and also as part-time adjunct faculty.

The purchase of a used 2002 Boxster on July 7th, 2007 was the culmination of a search done for a Porsche; this was something I had never been able to shake since seeing the type 930

articles back in the 70's. Financing the purchase with a loan from my 401(k) turned out to be a great move; at least that money avoided the market meltdown. Around that time I read an article written by Peter Egan in his Side Glances column (Road & Track, December, 2006) in which he writes about how he and his wife Barbara, when contemplating the purchase of used Boxster S in Madison, were able to sum it up with the rationalization: "and there are only so many summers...."

Now, with myself not being an award winning automotive journalist, I needed to be a bit more creative in broaching the subject with my Barb. As fate would have it my most recent motorcycle purchase of a 1998 BMW R1100GS was accompanied home with a 1998 F650 for Barb. While I still have the GS, we had sold Barb's motorcycle under some slight financial duress – I guess it seemed like the practical thing to do at the time. So I had hatched the idea of telling her the Boxster was to be a replacement for her motorcycle, as times were now better for us and it was time to start enjoying the summer more. Once again she agreed enthusiastically, and she even lets me drive her Boxster on the weekends – what a brilliant plan!

We have not looked back on the decision to purchase the Boxster for one moment. Now that we have had the opportunity to get to know some of the Fox Valley Region PCA members, we are certainly looking forward to meeting all of you during the course of many, many more summers.
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Member Bio : Wayne & Gail Kindschy

I first took a serious interest in cars at about the age of eight after spending a vacation at my cousin's home. He had a 50 Ford convert that he had put an Olds V-8 in and I was impressed with what he had all done to that car. He also got me started in building model cars.

When I was sixteen I got my first car. It had to be a 2dr coupe with four on the floor and dual exhaust pipes. You guessed it, a 62 VW Bug. Not the fastest ride but good mileage and it was the start of my learning to be my own wrench. I did all my own oil changes, tune-ups and valve adjustments as well as fix whatever broke. I had two other cars while in high school. Next was a 63 Pontiac Tempest 326 coupe. It had 4:11 gears and an AFB 4 barrel. It went through rear tires like crazy. Then came my first convert, a 64 V-8 Falcon. I added a performance cam and 3x2 carbs. When I'd roll the pedal to the carpet it sounded like it was going to suck you right through the windshield.

I worked in a grocery store when going to high school and I became friends with a customer that was the owner of a local Shell station. He drove an Austin Healy Sprite. Thus began my interest in sports cars. When I started college he offered me a job at his full service station and he became my mentor doing everything from tires, brakes, tune-ups, valve jobs,

clutches and transmissions. I guess you could say he turned me into a gearhead.

While working at the station and going to school I would look for used sports cars that needed help. I would take care of the mechanical issues at the station and I had a couple people I knew in the body shop business that helped me with the cosmetics. I went through three MGB's, a couple of Sunbeam Tigers, and a TR6. With the profits from the sales of these cars and working at the station I financed my education.

During my college years I belonged to the Fox Valley Sports Car Club. I participated in autocross and road rally events on a regular basis. I organized and assisted other members on some rally events and autocross. I particularly liked our winter ice challenge. We would plow a road course on Lake Winnebago and run time trials.

Shortly after graduating from college I married Gail. I had met her at a local pub through some friends who said she liked cars too. She had a 69 Camaro 350 4speed at the time and she liked to drive fast. I had one of the Sunbeam Tigers then and one night we had a little race on Midway Rd that ended at her parents home along with an audience in the name of the Town of Menasha PD.

Luckily she knew the officer from previous experiences so all we got was a sermon.

Gail is the person that introduced me to Porsches. A son of the owner of a nearby business had a silver Targa and she said she always hoped to own one someday. The 70 Corvette LT-1 that we owned was too small for a family of three so after selling a 914 project car we bought our first 911. It was a low mileage one owner 911T that our son fit nicely in the back so we could enjoy going places together in a sports car.

Our next Porsche was a new 83 944 that we used in the 1984 PCA Parade road rally and I drove it in the driving event at Road America. Next a 87 911 Targa, followed by our current Porsches which are a 02 Boxster S and a 04 GT3. Although I consider these to be fair weather cars we do like to take them for drives because part of the fun of going places is how you get there. I remember someone saying that it doesn't matter if you don't know where your going because any road will get you there and in a Porsche it will be fun. Gail and I have been PCA members since 1979. We enjoy sharing the Porsche experience with other members and plan to be a part of our Fox Valley Region for years to come.

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FVR Member: Andrew Opicka & the new Panamera



Within the Zone 13

Submitted by Ken Hold, Zone 13 Representative.

The third quarter started very busy with a number of the Zone 13 folks being involved at the Keystone Parade. Despite the busy schedule we found time to hold an enjoyable "Gathering" for zone members. The 40 person turnout proved to be a great opportunity for members from various regions to meet, share common interests and network for future cross regional events. While zone members were pleased with winning several awards, we were very proud of Laura Prellwitz, the Fox Valley President, for winning PCA Enthusiast of the Year!

Less than two weeks after Parade, the Bluegrass Region was involved with their largest annual event, the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance. While nearly half of the concours planning team is comprised of Bluegrass Region members who work year round on the event, the key involvement for the region is the day of event Car Club Paddock Challenge. This event is one of the key fund raisers for the concours. This year's Porsche Paddock had over 100 cars and a winning Challenge donation of \$11,512 which provided the majority of the \$18,094 total Paddock donation to the Kentucky Children's Hospital. It also gave Porsche owners another year of bragging rights for having the #1 sports car club in Lexington.

During July/August I spent a month in Germany. I was able to spend a day in Stuttgart visiting the Porsche Museum. The museum building itself is awesome and the one-off unique vehicles displayed were fantastic! The displays were presented in a manner that maximized accessibility to the visitor with very visible descriptors for information.

In late August I attended a Lexington Porsche Dealer Service Day. This event has been offered a couple of times a year in conjunction with the Bluegrass Region. There typically is a good turn-

out of both PCA and non-PCA Porsche owners. It provides a good opportunity for the region to solicit for new members. It is also a time when Porsche owners can discuss car issues with parts and service providers. This time we had a dyno-tester on-site to test horsepower.

Labor Day Weekend was a total blast for my wife Adell, and me. On Saturday we went to Porsche Park at Road America for a joint picnic with the Fox Valley and Milwaukee Regions. The event was very evenly shared with approximately half of the 80 attendees coming from each region. Even more impressive was the equal sharing of set-up, tear-down, and clean-up responsibilities. The Milwaukee Region has done an excellent job of developing and maintaining the Porsche Park.

On Sunday morning we participated in a Chicago Region TSD Rally in the Elkhart Lake area. This rally was particularly fun since it followed the original open road course of the 1950 - 52 races. This course was later the basis for the layout for Road America.

On Sunday afternoon we were able to do six observation laps on the Road America track in our Cayenne Turbo S. I enjoyed my first drive on the RA track and Adell had her first time ride on any track. Over all we had a great weekend!

On September 19 I had the privilege of presenting a PCA 50 Year Recognition to the Kentucky Region. The event was held in a recently restored historical theater in Downtown Louisville. There were approximately 100 attendees at the event. Parking for the 32 Porsches driven to the event was immediately in front of the theater as result of closing the street to public access. The region provided attendees with a book and DVD describing the region founding and photos of past events.

I spent the September 26 and 27 weekend in St. Charles, IL attending a National Planning Meeting for the 2010 Parade.

This was my first opportunity to view the venue and meet key members of the Planning Team. The amount of work already done is amazing. The amount of work left to do is tremendous. I was very impressed with the number of Chicago Region volunteers already involved in assisting the National Parade Team.

In addition to attending events I've been involved with making a couple of changes to our region procedures. I've been working with Arlene Novack, our National Safety Chair in developing an Observer's Report for Tech Sessions which require insurance coverage. It is important that club members who attend these events are afforded the same rigorous attention to detail spelled out in an observer's report as is applied to other moving vehicle events.

I'm also working with David Novack, our General Counsel, in changing the wording and direction described in the Region Procedures Manual regarding the National Charity Subsidy. The current RPM wording implies that the Charity Subsidy only applies to events held directly by a region. Recent changes in tax accounting and reporting place significant responsibilities on the organization holding a charity event. The revised wording would clarify that the subsidy could apply in the case where the region is a participant of an event held by the charity. In which case the charity would be responsible for event tax accounting and reporting. David and I will be getting out a Region Focus Issue further describing the change.

I'm pleased to report that the Southern Indiana Region is now definitely an active, viable PCA Region! Key results include increased enrollment, several events completed and more scheduled. Relations established with local Porsche Dealer, Energized officers and directors. Congratulations to the members of the Southern Indiana Region!

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FVR Fall Tour - Sep 18 to 20



Article and photos by Larua Prellwitz

Fall Tour Summary

This year's fall tour broke several records: number of cars, members, guests, and potential members attending, variety of vehicles, number of photos taken, number of laughs shared, "welcome" signs by local businesses, etc.

For Ruben & Janet Ledesma, Nick Proctor, and Laura & Jamie Prellwitz, the unofficial tour began Thursday evening at the Appleton airport where we all met for the first time. After some quick hellos and "Welcome to Wisconsin" greetings were shared, we headed to Old Bavarian restaurant for some authentic German cuisine. The owners were extremely pleased to have some members of the Fox Valley Region dining at their establishment once again. We had

outstanding service and food. Nick then shuttled the Ledesma's to their hotel in Appleton for the evening.

About 9:00 AM Nick picked up Ruben & Janet and transported them to Bergstrom Porsche where Paul Ellsworth generously loaned them a 2008 Cayenne to use for

the remainder of the weekend. We again, sincerely thank Paul for his generosity, and it was fun for several of us throughout the weekend to experience riding in it.

After taking delivery of the Cayenne, Nick learned that the Ledesma's are closet Packer fans! They had some



Ruben & Janet Ledesma with Paul Ellsworth at Bergstrom Porsche.

(con't.) FVR Fall Tour - Sep 18 to 20

time to fill prior to meeting the rest of the group for the official start of the tour, so they headed up to Green Bay and visited Lambeau Field. The threesome enjoyed lunch at Curly's Pub and Ruben & Janet did some shopping in the Pro Shop. (I think this side trip was the highlight of their weekend!)

Thanks to Dennis Olson for quickly getting signatures on the waiver forms at Gordon Skog's Auto Clinic gathering spot and to Gordon for leading the parade to Green Bay where the rest of the group was waiting. During this time we were making introductions and checking out each other's cars, so many new friendships were being formed.

The group of 21 cars headed north to Crivitz where we had our first rest stop. Our caravan of cars was almost as long as Crivitz! Tim & Renny Diedrich surprised each person with a lovely gift; a thermal can holder with our region's logo on it. Very cool! (pardon the pun). It was very thoughtful and generous of Tim & Renny to do this for us, and really helped commemorate this trip. From there we continued our trek north and stopped at the Iron Mountain Iron Mine where participants took a 45 minute tour of the mine. A few people were not happy with the resident bats, but everyone survived quite well.

A short drive from there took us to our hotel where we were warmly greeted with a "Welcome Fox Valley Region Porsche Club" sign on the marquis of the Super 8. They had also roped off a special parking area for us in their lot. Several of us had brought munchies and beverages along, and it was about 6:00 PM, so an impromptu tailgate party was begun in the parking area. We were having absolutely spectacular weather it was still warm, so it was a perfect evening



Super 8 welcome sign.

for it. Ruben & Janet were amazed and delighted to participate in their first Wisconsin tailgating experience. Apparently the folks in Florida just haven't figured it all out yet! Wisconsin has perfected the art of it! Meanwhile, Greg & Mary Rigoni were picking and delivering bags of freshly made meat and vegetable pastys for us and set up a delicious buffet in the conference room of the hotel.

Everyone has brought something to add to the potluck, so we had a delicious meal centered around the local cuisine.

Following dinner, Ruben introduced himself formally to the group and played a little Fox Valley trivia game with us. Greg Rigoni celebrated the 10th anniversary tour by offering door prizes to members who somehow had the number 10 related to them (birthdate, or car from 1980, 1990, etc.) It was very clever very entertaining. It was getting a little cool outside after our meal, so many chose to stay indoors for the remainder of the evening and headed to the pool area for further socializing and refreshments. A men's soccer team from "down below" was also staying at our hotel, so some of us played water volleyball with them or shared our passion for Porsche with the young men. During part of the evening, Laura Prellwitz had difficulty distinguishing between "pastys" and "pasties". Thankfully, Al Taylor made the supreme sacrifice and actually purchased and presented Laura with some "pasties" so she could finally



Tailgating in the Super 8 parking lot, Iron Mountain.

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Porsches in the fog early Saturday morning of the tour.

then eventually to our left, and gave each other shoulder massages. With the tension now alleviated, we drove to Houghton, where we met two more members and a friend who reside in the area. Our complement of 24 vehicles then drove northward to Calumet where we had lunch at the Michigan House. All but the red carpet was rolled out! We had special menus with our logo on it, logo reserved signs on our tables, and a handmade banner welcoming us hanging from the second story balcony. The restaurant even gave us the banner to keep. WOW!!! We felt like celebrities! Debbie Harvey presented a gift basket to Ruben & Janet filled with several local food delights.

learn the difference!

Saturday morning was a bit foggy, with a fairly thick layer of condensation on our vehicles. However, that did not deter the hardcore "show and shiners" for some friendly competition. Andrew Opicka and Gordon Skog were out before sunrise (5:45 AM!) detailing their cars. Ruben Ledesma and Mary Rigoni were the official judges at 7:30 AM. We needed Mary's supervision as learned that Ruben was taking bribes!! The PCA Treasurer position is supposed to be a volunteer, unpaid position, but we discovered how Ruben supplements his income. There is photographic proof of him taking a \$100 bill from Gordon and \$150 from Greg Rigoni. Alas, it was to no avail, as Dan and Barb Pankratz with their 1967 912 was the winner. Congratulations to Dan and Barb!

We took a group photo before departing for the remainder of the day. Everyone had purchased and was wearing the 10th anniversary Fall Tour t-shirts, so it was an exciting sight to see. (It also made it easier for us to find one another as the

day went on and we got separated at times at some rest stops!) We continued our northerly trek through Crystal Falls where we had a brief coffee and potty break at a gas station/convenience store. By this time, the fog was completely gone, and we had blue sunny skies and the fall colors were quite vivid. Nick Proctor literally rounded up everyone in the parking lot where we made a circle and then turned to our right,

We had about a two hour break, then continued traveling north on some very curvy, hilly, scenic roads along the shoreline of Lake Superior. Saturday afternoon was "passenger swap" and many of the group exchanged passengers, and some even traded cars for a short time. It was a great way to get to meet other members, and experience riding/driving a different model or year Porsche. We made a short stop at a



Ruben takes his first bribe.

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beautiful waterfall, Jacob's Falls, and shopped at a nearby candy/jam store operated by some Byzantine monks. The highlight was a side road that took us to a high scenic overlook with forests to south, and Lake Superior to the north. We spent about hour on the look out just taking in the breathtaking beauty of the area. Several mature bald eagles were spotted as well.

Driving back down the winding and sometimes bumpy road, we returned to the main highway and cruised through the northernmost village of the Keweenaw Peninsula, Copper Harbor. It was late afternoon by this time, so we drove about an hour or so back to Houghton, and checked in at our hotel. Greg Rigoni surprised several of us by upgrading our rooms to suites, which was a welcomed gift. Dinner was at a restaurant downtown that had an "old brewery" atmosphere to it. Laura Prellwitz presented

the Ledesma's with a 2010 Lake Superior calendar and non-fiction book of adventure in Michigan which everyone on the tour had signed as mementos of the trip. Greg Rigoni was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" plaque for all of his work to build such a fantastic tour.

It was quite late when we returned to the hotel, but Jamie Prellwitz had previously contacted the hotel manager reserved the breakfast room to use "for an important business meeting"..... (Actually, the holiday party planning committee did meet in the lobby, and they came up with some great ideas to make this year's party the best ever.) Many members who had taken photos downloaded their pictures onto Jim Janes' laptop. We had so many photos, that a CD wouldn't hold them all, so Sherri Schmidt made a midnight run, literally, to Wal-Mart to get some DVD's. Thanks to Sherri

& Ted Schmidt's expertise, and some double checking by Mark & Barb Wilkinson, all the photos were successfully copied onto DVD's for those that wanted them. It was also during this time that Mark Wilkinson volunteered to be our new newsletter editor, and Jim Janes offered to host the 2011 fall tour. The "important business meeting" ended about 1:15 AM.

The Ledesma's had a 12:45 PM flight out of Appleton and the Taylor's had tickets to the Packer game, so they, along with Nick Proctor, left very early Sunday AM to head back south. The rest of us returned at our leisure; some individually, others in small groups.

Thanks again to everyone, especially Greg Rigoni, who contributed in some way to making this a safe, fun, memorable, and most enjoyable trip. +++



All 46 of us!!

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23 Porsches in a parking lot in Houghton MI



At the iron mine.



Barb Pankratz and Jamie Prellwitz in the whirlpool.



Tailgating in the Super 8 parking lot, Iron Mountain.



Meeting in Houghton.

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A foggy start to the day.



Ruben & Janet Ledesma arrive in Appleton.



Dan Pankratz with a pasty.



Touring through Crystal Falls, MI.



Getting ready for the tour down the iron mine.



Michigan House restaurant.

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Ruben taking yet another bribe for the show and shine competition.



Dan & Barb Pankratz, winners of the show and shine competition.



Gordon getting breakfast?????



Sign on the Michigan House restaurant



At the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula.



Ruben & Janet are Packers fans!

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Rolling along...



Candy/home made jelly store near Jacob's Falls



Will Laura ever learn the difference between pastys and pasties???



Inside the Jampot...

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Fall Tour Roster

Warren & Joyce Beaver	Nekoosa, WI	White 1998 Boxster
Al & Ann Taylor	Nekoosa, WI	Red 1985 911 (slant nose)
Charlie & Barb Wise	Appleton, WI	Blue 1990 911
Deb Harvey & son, Griffin	Houghton, MI	Gray 1989 944T
Tom & Margie Zoromski	Crivitz, WI	Black 1983 911 SC
Dan & Barb Pankratz	Manitowoc, WI	Aga Blue 1967 912
Pete & Kathie Bollenbach	Mountain, WI	Pink 1968 912
Gordon Skog & Debbie Houle	Neenah, WI	Silver 1977 911T
Allan & Pat Utecht	Kiel, WI	Gray 2002 Boxster
Tim & Renny Diedrich	Appleton, WI	Seal gray metallic 2003 Carrera
Dennis & Madelyn Olson	Appleton, WI	Yellow 1996 993 C4S
Jim & Cindy Janes	Butte de Morts, WI	Dark Green 1999 Carrera
Andrew & Elise Opicka	Green Bay, WI	Black 2003 911
Ruben & Janet Ledesma	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Black 2008 Cayenne
Jamie & Laura Prellwitz	Manitowoc, WI	Black 1987 911
Nick Proctor	Appleton, WI	Black 2007 Carrera S
Bruce & Sue Simon	Oshkosh, WI	Red 1989 911
Ted & Sherri Schmidt	Chicago Member	Dark Blue 2005 Boxster S
Wayne & Wendy Trembly	Oshkosh, WI	Silver 1999 911
Tom and Donna-Gladden Ex	Hancock, MI	Black metallic 1980 911SC Weissach
Mark & Barb Wilkinson	New London, WI	Red 2002 Boxster
Bill Chapman	Two Rivers, WI	Red 2006 Boxster S
Greg & Mary Rigoni	Kingsford, MI	Maroon 1988.5 944TS
Al Curran & Wendy	Houghton, MI	Red 2004 Boxster (guest of Tom Ex)

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Many, many thanks once again to:

Nick Proctor – designing and communicating with EmbroidMe for the 10th anniversary shirts, and providing all the ground transportation and shuttle service for the Ledesma's.

Paul Ellsworth – providing a Cayenne for the Ledesma's to drive for the weekend. It was a terrific addition to our "parade" of 24 vehicles. Many of us enjoyed riding in the back seat for part of the tour.

Dennis Olson – for gathering all the signatures at Gordon Skog's prior to departure

Tim & Renny Diedrich – for the wonderful thermo cups with our region's logo. What a wonderful surprise and terrific way to celebrate our club! Your donation and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Debbie Harvey and Tom Ex (resident Yoopers) – for your assistance to Greg Rigoni and planning and leading the tour. Thanks, Debbie, for the special gift basket for Ruben & Janet as well. Tom, thanks for bringing a potential new member to our region also.

Al Taylor – for finally teaching me the difference between a "pastie" and a "pasty"

Super 8 Motel in Iron Mountain – Welcome sign and special parking area

Michigan House restaurant in Calumet, MI – Home made banner, special menus, and reservation signs with our logo

Jim Janes, Mark & Barb Wilkinson, Ted & Sherri Schmidt – for your computer expertise to upload everyone's great photos and put them on DVD's to share

Ruben & Janet Ledesma – for attending and participating in our event. We were honored to have someone from the National office recognize our region!

Country Inn & Suites in Houghton – for letting us use their breakfast room for an "important meeting" to discuss serious club business until 1:15 AM on Sunday....

All participants- thanks for ordering and wearing your shirts, and your sense of adventure and enthusiasm. We had a SAFE event and tons of fun because of all your positive energy. You made it a wonderful trip for EVERYONE. The potluck and impromptu tailgate social was bountiful because of your friendliness and generosity.

Mary Rigoni and Ruben Ledesma – for judging the "Show and Shine" competition in the fog Saturday morning. One of them did NOT accept bribes!!

Greg Rigoni – for all his planning, thoughtfulness, and kindness. Greg "donated" the pastys and door prizes to the event, arranged for discounts at the iron mine and hotels, and surprised several of us with extra upgraded rooms. The tour was fantastic and we will have enjoyable memories to last a life time because of his attention to detail balanced with a sense of humor.

Al Taylor & Warren Beaver – for already starting to plan next year's tour!

Laura Prellwitz Appreciation Dinner - Oct 3

Article by Laura Prellwitz; Photos by Laura Prellwitz and Herb Velazquez.

Thirty-seven members of the Fox Valley Region were treated to special dinner party on Saturday, October 3, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz.

The celebration was in recognition of all the board members and volunteers who took on a leadership role in the club for 2009. Laura is especially appreciative of all who gave of their time, resources, and efforts to make our region what it has become today ---FANTASTIC!! It's because of members like these folks, that our region is so energetic and enthusiastic. "It's my way of giving back and saying thanks," says Laura. "Some of these people stepped far outside their comfort zone, juggled their work and/or family schedule to host an event, contributed to our club in some extra positive manner, gave of themselves, or did some thing special for our club. I wanted to recognize their work and

thoughtfulness and show them my appreciation."

The dinner menu consisted of hot roast beef sandwiches, creamy tomato bisque soup, fresh fruit cups, Greek break salad, and a build-your-own sundae bar or root beer float. All foods were paired with at least two complementary wines as well. Adam Taylor, son of webmaster Al & Ann Taylor, was going to celebrate his golden 4th birthday the following day, so a special Porsche birthday cake with the #4 was also added to the dessert list. It was quickly discovered the Adam really enjoyed the blue frosting on the cake! Mary & Jim Haen additionally surprised many of the guests with nearly two dozen door prize gifts (the result of some basement purging and cleaning – but it was all terrific items!)

The social and dinner were held in a

cabin in Manitowoc's Lincoln Park, so the threatening rainy and windy weather that day was of little concern. However, it was enough that most attendees drove their alternate vehicle, which was completely understandable. The children who attended enjoyed a visit to the local zoo, and engaged in some pumpkin carving and decorations. They did a spooktacular job and everyone left with all 10 fingers still attached.

It is sincerely hoped and encouraged that members will continue this kind of work and commitment to the club to keep it strong and energized. "I hope members will continue to be as positive and supportive to the new president as they have been to me these past two years. Our club has improved and grown so much because of folks like these."

Laura Prellwitz



Jim and Mary Haen, Larry & Pat Rogers, Nick Proctor, Tom & Margie Zoromski, Jim & Cindy Janes - all braved the cold and rainy weather and drove to Manitowoc's Lincoln Park on 10/3/09.

(con't.) Laura Prellwitz Appreciation Dinner - Oct 3



Adam Taylor, son of our webmaster, Al Taylor, celebrated his golden birthday on October 4. The group sang "Happy Birthday" and he blew out the candles on his Porsche birthday cake.



Andrea and Alonna show off their pumpkin masterpieces.



Guys sharing the big stories.



Andrew and Al Taylor.



Ladies engaged in pre-dinner socializing.



You'd think Jimmy Haen would've had enough shots this year. But he's going to have one more!.....

(con't.) Laura Prellwitz Appreciation Dinner - Oct 3

Additional photos celebrating Laura's leadership as FVR President.



Auto Clinic Tech Session - Oct 6

Submitted by Mary Haen, Your Secretary

The meeting opened with Laura's recap of the latest club news. Believe it or not, our little club may have a good chance of being PCA's Region of the Year, and national Reps will likely join us at several events next year!

At the tech portion of our meeting, Gordon & Rob reminded us of scheduled maintenance especially on some of our older cars. Don't forget that rubber & fluids deteriorate with age and with mileage. Getting a car up on the hoist once and a while can catch problem before they're showstoppers. A number of questions centered on timing belts and their vital importance, valve guide wear, and on dual distributor issues.

That led into the Castrol Oil Rep's discussion. He says they make a high quality product but not necessarily the cheapest. Castrol may be a very good factory fill alternative. The Rep says oil has a shelf life not because oil gets old but the additives can change over time. A question about removal of the additive Zinc in oil led to the suggestion by Jim Stephenson to go to Brad Penn's

website to learn more. Castrol reminds us that although marketing plays an important role in car factory selection of oil products, fundamentally the makers work together to assure a good technological fit for the needs of both. In summary, on most of our summer cars, use a good grade of oil, of the proper weight as specified, and always change the oil and filter before you store it.

Gordon donated some really great prizes including Aluminum racing floor jack, awesome jackstands, Porsche tea set, Porsche glasses, Wurth T-shirts, etc. The Castrol folks tossed in hats and a diecast collectable dragster. The raffle brought in \$61. Gordon always hosts a fine event and this was no exception. Plenty of snacks, beer, and soda was consumed. A lots of his magazines were saved from the recycle bin as Gordon asked members to take some home. This is what a good club is all about! Sharing. A few new library books were also made available for the 1st time.

I won't go into detail about all the upcoming events, because there is a ton of them for the upcoming year, rather watch your email for unfolding schedules.



An attentive audience.

(con't.) Auto Clinic Tech Session - Oct 6



Gordon Skog, Jamie Prellwitz, and Tom Robl checking out a red 944.



Gordon supplied a multitude of door prizes. Many members stayed after the official conclusion of the meeting to socialize for awhile. New member, Jerome Gonja (black wind jacket) attended with friend, Mike Woody (light blue shirt).



New transfer members, Jim & Mary Niemiec, meet Mary Haen and Al Taylor with Jim Lowey looking on.



New member, Jerome Gonja, won one of the many door prizes.



Wayne Kindschy introduces himself to another transfer member, Pete Smart.



Warren Beaver and Jo Loeffler check out one of the cars in Gordon's shop.

Chili and Bonfire Social at the Benz's - Oct 17

Article and photos submitted by Laura Prellwitz.

It was a chili/chilly evening at the home of Todd and Sheila Benz on October 17. Seventeen members and three retrievers enjoyed a relaxing social and tasty dinner. About half of the group braved the cold temperatures and drove their Porsches to DePere for the event. Justin Benz was the traffic officer for the early evening and directed everyone to the designated parking areas, "Porsches" or

"Plain Old Trucks and Cars". Todd's special recipe for chili with all the fixin's was outstanding, and the munchies and desserts provided by Sheila rounded out the meal very well.

The Toro Twister transported our beverages, chairs, and s'mores to a clearing in a wooded area where Tim Diedrich and Todd created a monumental bonfire (a six pallet inferno!) that kept us all toasty warm after dinner. As the fire eventually died down, we enjoyed

some fantastic star gazing under clear skies, and made s'mores.

When the cold started settling in, we return to the Benz's home for a tour of their beautiful residence and socialized a bit more. The event ended about 9:00 PM.

Thanks again to Todd, Sheila, and Justin for a most enjoyable evening! It's terrific to see new members getting involved in our region so quickly!

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Justin Benz directs the "traffic" to the designated parking areas.

(con't.) Chili and Bonfire Social at the Benz's - Oct 17



From left to right: Tom & Kathy Robl's red Cayman; Jim & Mary Haen's 911; Jamie & Laura Prellwitz's 911; Nick Proctor's Carrera Todd & Sheila Benz's 911 and the "TBenz" Mercedes.



Hanging out in the garage.



Lot's of yummy food!

(con't.) Chili and Bonfire Social at the Benz's - Oct 17



Come on baby, light my fire!



Tom Robl has the ingredients for a smore!



Laura Prellwitz and Kathy Robl "toast their buns".

Paintwerks Tech Session - Oct 31

Paint Care for Your Porsche

After enjoying your Porsche all summer, it's time to get it ready for winter. Whether you plan to drive it or store it, it needs a thorough cleaning to maintain its shine.

Please join us for a Tech Session on October 31 that will cover:

- Cleaning and polishing your paint
- Scratch removal
- How to select the best product or power tool to get the BEST finish.

A demonstration will be done on every aspect covered. You will see and feel the improvements with each step.

Bring your cars! If it has a scratch, (You didn't do it, I know) we may be able to use it for a demonstration or polish it out afterwards.

When: Oct. 31

Where: Paintwerks
4988 Hron Rd
West Bend, WI 53095

Time: 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Donuts and coffee at 9:00
Sandwiches and soda at Noon
Cost: \$5 per person

RSVP BY Oct. 26 to paintwerks@charter.net or Dave Zimmer @ 262.305.1530.

Note:

Paintwerks offers Brad Penn oil and will have it available at the Tech Session if you're interested and ready for your next oil change.

Paintwerks tech session with the Milwaukee region in West Bend.

Thank you to Dave Zimmer for extending the invitation to the Fox Valley Region.

Show and Tell Night - Nov 3

Show and Tell Night

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Mackinaw's Bar and Grill
2925 Voyager Drive
Green Bay, Wisconsin
(I-43 and East Mason Street)
www.mackinaws.com

Fellow member and owner, Pat Quinn, always treats us to a wonderful evening in a rustic atmosphere with delicious food and beverages. Please join us for social time, fun, and dinner from the menu.

Attitude Adjustment Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Dinner from the menu at 7:00 PM (private dining area)

Why is this called “Show and Tell Night?” Bring “something Porsche” to show and share with your fellow members: a calendar, a model, a book, car part(s), movie, magazine, flag, jewelry, anything with a Porsche logo on it, or one of our Fox Valley Region logo items (hey, wear that fall tour shirt again!). Just please don't bring anything that drips oil!

RSVP by Saturday, October 31 to lprellwitz@att.net

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 Clinches 2 Titles

Submitted by Jill Beck.

WITH THIRD PLACE FARNBACHER LOLES 911 GT3 RSR FINISH, PORSCHE CLINCHES 2009 ALMS GT2 MANUFACTURERS TITLE IN RAIN-SHORTENED PETIT LE MANS AT ROAD ATLANTA

--Flying Lizard Porsche drivers close in on year-end title; Porsche wins season Michelin Green X Challenge GT manufacturers championship--

FLOWERY BRANCH, Georgia - Sep. 26 - After almost four hours of red flag track condition due to lightning and a flooding downpour, the rain-shortened Petit Le Mans presented by Mazda 6 at Road Atlanta was given the checkered flag when the rain refused to quit, but the race ran long enough for Porsche to clinch the GT2 manufacturers title over Ferrari.

It was the third place finish for Dirk Werner and Wolf Henzler (both Germany) in their #87 Farnbacher Loles

Racing Porsche 911 GT3 RSR that gave Porsche a 26-point lead over Ferrari, with only 25 points available at the final event in two weeks at Laguna Seca Raceway.

Despite the less-than-ideal conditions, Porsche Motorsport North America President Paul Ritchie was pleased with the year-long efforts of all the 911 teams.

"Although they are not in contention for the drivers or team championship this year, Farnbacher Loles Racing, Dirk Werner and Wolf Henzler put forth outstanding efforts today, and earned the podium position that put us over the top for the manufacturer's title," said Ritchie, noting that Werner is in contention in two weeks for the Rolex Grand-Am GT title and Henzler won the ALMS GT2 drivers title last year.

Ritchie pointed out that Porsche has now won the manufacturers championship in eight of the 11 years of the American Le Mans Series, and is in contention to clinch its ninth drivers championship in those 11 years.

Speaking of drivers titles, Patrick Long (USA) and Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), along with fellow Porsche factory driver Marc Lieb (Germany) who were running as high as second place in GT2 just before the red flag flew, settled for fifth in their #45 Flying Lizard Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Long/Bergmeister retained their driver points lead, however, even though the Melo/Kaffer Ferrari finished first. Long/Bergmeister now have 156 points, while Melo/Kaffer have 137 - a 19-point lead with 25 points available for the last event.

Long was philosophical about the finish as he sat in the paddock waiting for the rain to stop. "We ran really well today, and pressured to GT2 leaders for the whole race. I have to offer congratulations to the Ferrari for coming in just at the right time for rain tires. In those last two laps in the rain, they went from fourth to first, and we went from second to fifth as we had to skate into the pits for rains. We are still in the drivers seat for the championship, and we will now turn our attention to Laguna.



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Farnbacher Loles Racing: Wolf Henzler, Dirk Werner.

(con't.) PORSCHE Clinches 2 Titles



Porsche RS Spyder, Team Cytosport: Klaus Graf, Greg Pickett, Sascha Maassen.

Long shared the ALMS GT2 title with Joerg in 2005, and Joerg won it alone in 2006 when Patrick took one race off to drive the Penske Porsche RS Spyder. Then Joerg won with Flying Lizards and Wolf Henzler last year.

The #44 Flying Lizard Porsche team car, which ran Ethanol E85 fuel for the first time, finished first in the Michelin Green X Challenge GT competition. The car, driven by Johannes van Overbeek/Seth Neiman/Darren Law (all USA) finished seventh in the GT2 class, was rated the best Green Achievement score from a formula which measures performance efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, and petroleum displacement.

The #44's win clinched the Michelin Green X Challenge GT manufacturers title for Porsche over Chevrolet (Corvette). Both the #44 and #45 Lizard Porsches, along with the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche, have a chance to win the Michelin Green X

Challenge team title at Laguna Seca in two weeks.

The other Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the event, the Team Falken Tire entry of Bryan Sellers and Dominic Cicero (both USA), finished 11th in GT2 in only its second event.

In the LMP2 class, the Cytosport Porsche RS Spyder, driven by Klaus Graf and Sascha Maassen (both Germany), and team owner Greg Pickett (USA), took its third podium finish in three races by finishing third in class, but the team had quite an adventure on the wet Road Atlanta track. Graf started the car from the pit lane, and quickly carved his way through the field, catching all the LMP2 cars and most of the LMP1 cars, finally passing the eventual overall winning Peugeot to run fourth overall. But then, things started to happen.

"Obviously I don't want a race to end like that weather-wise with these conditions.

Everybody wants to race but it's a podium for us and we'll take it. We had a really fast car today and I really enjoyed myself out there, even in the very difficult conditions. I made a little mistake coming out of the pits after switching to slicks but that wouldn't have had that big of an impact except that we then ran in to a technical problem which really took us out of contention to win the race. We found the problem actually which was really difficult so hats off to the engineers, it's not easy to locate the issue. So we fixed it and we brought it back out, but we had lost 48 laps. We ran really strong lap times again after that. I'm happy for everybody on the team, it was great to have Sascha (Maassen) on board and I can't wait to get to Laguna Seca," said Graf.

The Porsche RS Spyder has won both the manufacturers and drivers championship the last three years in the American Le Mans Series.

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BRUMOS PORSCHE WINS GRAND-AM FINALE

Submitted by Jill Beck.

Photo courtesy Porsche AG

BRUMOS PORSCHE RILEY SCORES STUNNING BOOKEND GRAND-AM VICTORY AT MIAMI; KEEN, WERNER, FARNBACHER LOLES, PORSCHE CLAIM TRIPLE GT CHAMPIONSHIP

HOMESTEAD, FL - October 10 --The Brumos Porsche Riley scored a stunning bookend victory in the Grand Prix of Miami and Leh Keen (Charleston, SC) and Dirk Werner (Germany) led the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup team to a clean sweep of the three Acxiom GT class championships in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway Saturday.

Joao Barbosa (Portugal) made a strong pass on the backstretch banking with less than 28 minutes remaining in the 2 hour, 30 minute race, drafting his #59 Brumos Porsche Riley into the lead over Scott Pruett's Lexus Riley. And even though the race ended under caution, Barbosa was never seriously threatened for the lead and claimed his first Daytona Prototype victory.

His teammate was the legendary Hurley Haywood (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), a last-minute addition to the driver lineup. Haywood qualified and started the race,

pitting after 40 minutes and turning over the Brumos Porsche to Barbosa in 11th place.

"I am so excited," Barbosa said. "I did not think in the beginning we had a car to win. The crew made the car better on every pit stop and suddenly I am in position to pass for the lead. When I went by him (Scott Pruett), I was so happy I could cry. To be competitive, to be in position to win a race is a great feeling. And to win it, is the happiest a driver can be."

"This is a testament to the Brumos legacy," Haywood said. "To go through the emotions this team has gone through this week, and to put an old guy in the car with hardly any practice time, to have Joao bring the car home in the dramatic fashion he did, well, that is Brumos. This victory means so much to this team. To open with a victory in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, then to struggle most of the year, and to win - and I don't think anybody thought we could win today - well, it's just overwhelming."

The victory helped Porsche improve one position to runner-up to Ford in the Grand-Am Rolex Daytona Prototype Manufacturer championship standings.

Keen and Werner entered the final race with a solid 30-point lead in the Acxiom GT driver's championships, and each driver needed only to complete the

mandatory 30-minute stint to clinch the title. It is Keen's first and Werner's second GT championship in the last three years.

The #87 Farnbacher Loles Porsche 911 GT3 Cup also won the Acxiom GT Team Championship and helped Porsche clinch the Rolex Grand-Am GT Manufacturer's title. Keen and Werner were the top finishing Porsche GT teams in nine of the 12 GT races this year. TRG fielded the top finishing GT Porsche in three events.

"To be honest, I was pretty nervous before I got in the car because you never know what's going to happen," said Werner, who finished third in GT. "There was aggressive racing out there, some contact with DPs even. It was not easy just to drive 30 minutes. You had to be 100 percent concentrated. Once I had my 30 minutes in, I raced a little harder. I wanted to win to bring the championship home in style.

"Leh has been a great teammate. He has matured as a driver and has become a really good friend. This was only possible with the team we had. The result makes everybody happy. Me too!"

"My stint was uneventful," Keen said. "The front running guys got a gap on me and I didn't want to try and chase them as I did not want anything to happen to the car and take away the championship. I



Leh Keen (Charleston, SC) and Dirk Werner (Germany) led the #87 Farnbacher Loles Racing Porsche 911.

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just wanted to drive 30 minutes and give Dirk the car at 100 percent. I want to thank my crew for giving me a great car for every race. This is the happiest I've ever been in my career. We won races. We earned this championship, and that makes all of us very proud."

Brumos opened the 2009 season with a victory by the #58 sister car driven by Darren Law (Phoenix, AZ) and David Donohue (Malvern, PA) in the prestigious Rolex 24 at Daytona.

"We got the bookends!," Law said. "Brumos wins the first and last races of the season. Throw out all the stuff in the middle like an Oreo cookie. We got the bookends and that will carry us through the off-season and we come back to Daytona as defending champions. I am really happy for Joao. He has worked so hard all year and today he proved what a great driver he is. I am really happy for him and Hurley and the entire Brumos team."

Donohue was running third late in the race when he went off at turn 8, falling to a fifth place. That was just after a restart, a critical moment in the race that proved to be the undoing of the #12 Verizon Wireless Penske Porsche Riley of Timo Bernhard (Germany) and Romain Dumas (France).

Bernhard was penalized for jumping the restart, and had to pit for a stop-and-go

penalty.

"I was penalized for moving to the left to avoid another car," Bernhard said. "Well, that does it. A fitting end to a season hopefully we will quickly forget. What disappointment! We had a good car today and once again Romain leads and then get another penalty. We never had a chance to win this year. They changed the rules on us so many times, it took a long time for the Penske crew to learn the car, and for the drivers to learn what the car could do that it kept us from the podium. We are unhappy at not winning. We race to win, and we have won everywhere we've raced."

Dumas qualified third and ran strong early, even leading six laps before turning the car over to Bernhard in fourth place. Bernhard got as high as sixth before the fateful penalty that dropped him to 11th.

Bernhard and Dumas finished fourth in the Daytona Prototype drivers standings but despite their glorious history - two American Le Mans Series LMP2 championships and 23 international sports car victories together - they were classified as rookies in Grand-Am competition and were declared Rookies of the Year.

Spencer Pumpelly (Suwanee, GA) was classified as fourth and 12th in GT competition. He started the race in the #66 TRG Porsche 911 GT3 and

turned it over to Andy Lally (Dacula, GA). Unfortunately, Lally was driving when the car got hit and heavily damaged in pit lane. John Potter (Salt Lake City, UT) started the #65 TRG Porsche 911 GT3 Cup and Pumpelly relieved him and brought home #65 in fourth place, just missing the podium.

The newest Porsche Motorsports customer team, the #48 Marquis Jet Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, was having a great race when it suddenly ended when Bryce Miller (Summit, NJ) got caught in somebody else's wreck and retired with heavy damage. Kevin Roush (Upland, CA) started and was running as high as second.

"The team did a great job with the pitstops - there were positions gained and that was a nice luxury," Miller said. "The pit strategy was very good and I think we found the right pressures on the tires for the very last set that we took on. We were one of only two cars that had new tires from the last pitstop. It's just unfortunate to come so close to a top finish - absolutely, my feeling is that we would have had a podium. We had the tires to fight for the position at the end and the car was very good. So it's upsetting not to get the results, but the team deserves a huge pat on the back. It was a big, big step forward and we made lots of progress. I think there's a lot to be proud of to take into next season."

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Legendary Hurley Haywood (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) and team mate Joao Barbosa (Portugal) claimed Daytona Prototype victory, www.fvr-pca.com

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PORSCHE'S PERFECT DAY ENDS WITH 100TH AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES WIN AND NINTH GT2 CHAMPIONSHIP; LONG/BERGMEISTER LEAD LIZARDS TO HISTORIC LAGUNA VICTORY

MONTEREY, Calif. - October 10 --Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) and Patrick Long (USA) capped a successful 2009 American Le Mans Series season by winning their sixth race of the season, capturing the ALMS GT2 drivers, manufacturers, and team championships, as well as helping Porsche to earn its 100th class win in the American Le Mans Series today in the four-hour endurance event for the Monterey Sports Car Championships at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway.

Bergmeister, who took over the driving chores from Long for the final stint in his #45 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, ran nose-to-tail with the #3 Corvette's Jan Magnussen for the lead during the last 20 minutes of the race, holding off the more powerful Corvette despite a vibration from a flat-spotted tire. Then, with

three laps to go, the Corvette passed the Porsche, but used the pit lane entrance to do it, and the IMSA officials made him tuck back in behind Bergmeister. Then, with two laps to go, Magnussen got by Joerg again, and Bergmeister picks up the story.

"He got by me, but he went too far into the corner and put himself out of position, and I was able to retake the lead. This happened one more time during the lap, and I was in front going into the last turn, when he pushed me twice. We bumped a third time coming out of the corner, and he went into the wall and crashed. While I feel badly that Jan crashed, and I was glad to hear that he was okay, I felt we raced hard and fair, and that the entire Flying Lizard team and my co-driver Patrick earned this win," said Bergmeister after the race.

It was the team's sixth GT2 class win of the season, including five wins in a row at St. Petersburg, Long Beach, Salt Lake City, Lime Rock, and Mid-Ohio; and, for Bergmeister, his fourth ALMS GT2 title (2005, 2006, 2008, and 2009). He won the 2005 championship in a Porsche with Patrick, the 2006 title with Patrick (although they did not share the final points as Long drove Sebring in the Penske Porsche RS Spyder), the 2008 title with Wolf Henzler (Germany), and this year again with Patrick. For Long, this was a special year because of the competition the team faced.

"With the addition of Corvette and BMW to the GT2 mix, it was easy to put in what you thought was a perfect lap, only to find out you were only fourth or fifth fastest. But Porsche gave us a car which only came into the pits for fuel and tires - no mechanical problems all year - and the Flying Lizard Motorsports team continually won races for us with their flawless service, innovative strategy, and hard work preparing the car. As for Joerg and I, we complement each other's strengths and weaknesses, and are able to put all our efforts toward one goal - team

victories," said Long.

"And to score Porsche's 100th ALMS win on top of that, it's a real honor," added Bergmeister. "We join the long list of Porsche factory drivers - Bob Wollek, Lucas Luhr, Sascha Maassen, Timo Bernhard, Romain Dumas, Dirk Mueller, Randy Pobst, Marc Lieb, Wolf Henzler, Mike Rockenfeller, Ryan Briscoe, Emmanuel Collard - along with many independents, such as Cort Wagner, David Murry, Johannes van Overbeek, Bryce Miller, Richard Westbrook, Helio Castroneves, Kevin Buckler, Johnny Mowlem, B.J. Zacharias, Brian Cunningham, John O'Steen, Martin Snow, Melanie Snow, Patrick Huisman, Craig Stanton, Kelly Collins, and Darryl Havens.

A complete list of Porsche's 100 victories in the American Le Mans Series can be obtained from sending an e-mail request to as@kgpr.com.

Wolf Henzler and Pierre Ehret (both Germany) finished third in the GT2 class in their #87 Farnbacher Loles Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, moving Wolf up to third place in the final point standings, despite having five different co-drivers this season while his regular teammate, Dirk Werner, was running a successful Farnbacher Loles Porsche effort in the Rolex Grand- Am series which results in a championship.

"The fight with the Panoz was a great battle, fun and fair. A prototype overtook me, but then he had a bad exit and I hit him. I don't know if he was on cold tires, but I wasn't expecting him to be so slow. I had to brake really hard, and Dominik in the Panoz had a great run, so he was able to pass me. After that, I was trying really hard to pass him back. I tried two times and we even went side by side through turns 1 through 4. We gave each other room and kept it fair. Finally with two laps until the end, I was able to pass him in the same way he passed me. He ran into traffic and he had a little bit of a



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bad exit, so I dove in. I had watched him from behind for 15 minutes, so I knew where I could out-brake him. So when we went into turn eleven, I knew I could make the pass so I said, 'Okay, now or never.' I made the move, and it worked perfectly," said Henzler, who won the title last year with Bergmeister.

"Everyone worked very hard this weekend to provide me and Pierre with a good car for the race. We earned our podium position today and our third in the Championship. I've known Pierre for a few years now, but this is the first time I've driven with him. He's used to driving Ferraris, but after a few laps in the Porsche, he got much more consistent and confident. He kept the car safe and developed a good rhythm as his stint went on. He was a big help to me today and we earned this podium together," Henzler added.

Other Porsches got involved in this celebration day, with the #44 Flying Lizard Porsche 911 GT3 RSR driven by Seth Neiman and Johannes van Overbeek (both USA) not only finishing fifth, but

winning the Michelin Green X Challenge for the second straight event, scoring enough efficiency points to win the season title for GT cars. The Michelin Green X Challenge measures the best Green Achievement score from a formula which calculates performance efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, and petroleum displacement. For the second event in a row, the #44 Porsche ran the ALMS event with E85 fuel (85 percent ethanol).

The #45 Lizard team Porsche was second, and the #87 Farnbacher Loles Porsche third in the Michelin Green X Challenge final GT standings.

The #18 T-Mobile Porsche entered by VICI Racing, despite now entering the race until mid-week and missing the entire first day of scheduled practices, finished seventh with Richard Westbrook (England) and Johannes Stuck (Austria) at the helm, while Team Falken Tire Porsche, with Bryan Sellers and Dominic Cicero (both USA) sharing the driving, finished eighth in only their third race.

In the LMP2 class, Klaus Graf

(Germany) and car owner Greg Pickett made it four podiums in four events in their Team Cytosport Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder, finishing second in class despite a couple of spins and a clutch problem.

"The Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder was fantastic today. Unfortunately we had a clutch issue that caused me to go off track when I was warming up the tires during a caution period. After that I had trouble getting it back into gear but let me tell you that nothing other than a Porsche would have continued to make it in this race. It was magnificent. It's a great testament to their engineering excellence and without that we would not have finished the race. The crew talked me through the re-set procedure for the transmission, which was stuck between gears, and I was on my way," said Pickett, a former multi-time Trans-Am champion.

Graf, also a former Trans-Am champion, had his adventures on the track as well. "What a race! Fortunately we finished enough of laps to finish second and give



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us our fourth podium in a row, that's a big achievement for the team coming into the ALMS LMP2 class at the end of the season, so hats off to the whole team.

Obviously it was a pretty eventful race. I had a good start but I was stuck behind an LMP1 car for a couple of laps. I didn't really get frustrated but I just wanted to get going. The Muscle Milk Porsche RS Spyder was good and I wanted to go faster. So I dove underneath him going into Turn 9, which is a really fast turn. And he just didn't see me I guess, because he hit me flat out when I was basically through and passed him already. Luckily the Porsche RS Spyder is a really strong car and it only did body work damage and some damage to the wheel so we were able to recover from that and put in some strong laps afterwards. We have a really strong team and I'm really looking forward to next year," Graf added.

In the American Le Mans Series Challenge class, for the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars running in the Patron GT3 Cup Challenge by Yokohama series, Melanie and Martin Snow (USA), both still in contention to win individual awards in the Patron series, captured the season championship in their Snow Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car despite not scoring any points at Laguna Seca due to a contaminated fuel issue.

They clinched the championship when the Wesley Hoagland/Bob Faieta Gruppe Orange Porsche did not finish first - a position they needed to overtake the Snows. Faieta took the checkered flag in third position, but later, the car was disqualified for having excess fuel capacity. The Shane Lewis/Mitch Pagery Velox Motorsport Porsche crossed the line in first place, but they too were disqualified (for not meeting the minimum weight) in post-race tech

inspection. So, the winners of the ALMS Challenge class were Guy Cosmo and John Baker, in their Orbit Racing Porsche, having been on the pole in all three events they have entered, but scoring their first win.

"Today's fuel problems were unfortunate, but we had a great season, and we're glad it ended with a championship," said Ms. Snow, mother of four and a driving instructor at Utah's Miller Motorsports Park. Along with Dutch champion Patrick Huisman, Martin and Melanie won the GTS class in a Porsche in 1999 to score a win in the first ALMS race at Sebring.

"As the season went on, I got more and more comfortable in our Porsche for these long races, and I had lots of fun," she added.

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