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On the cover

Larry Rogers observes progress from above as Alan Utecht works on the clutch assembly in Al Taylor's 928 during the Spring Tech Session, while Bob Geiser and Tom Zoromoksi provide technical assistance.



From The President

Well we made it through another winter; with spring just around the corner I can just feel the excitement building up to this year's club events. We definitely have a full schedule of different activities that all members will enjoy at least some, if not all. Thanks to Laura Prellwitz for putting it all together.

Remember to participate in the Kaffeeklatsch being held at different locations throughout our region if at all possible. Meet old friends or make new ones. These are being held to try and get some events closer to those members that are a distance from the Central Fox Valley area. Let us know how these are doing.

Al and Ann Taylor had the big Spring Tech Session event for March. I know Al put a lot of work into this and I am sure it went very well. Thanks Al and Ann for putting this together. I was not able to go as I had to attend the annual Region Presidents meeting on that date. Truth be known I would have preferred to be at the Tech session, something about that I enjoy working on cars, rather than sitting in on meetings.

Speaking of the Presidents meeting, it was rather enjoyable and was good seeing all the other Presidents of our Zone again. The meeting was very informative and interesting, I left the day feeling rejuvenated and enthused of the upcoming Porsche Club year. James Jacisin our new Zone Representative did an excellent job and I am sure that he will fill the deep shoes of Ken Hold our past Zone Rep admirably. James informed me that he plans to attend our Spring Waterfall Tour with his wife Cindy (Chicago Region President) in May. That will be quite an honor and I look forward to that.

Remember next month's events, April 2nd, Social at Lorelei Inn, Green Bay, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz and April 13th, tour, dinner and social, Manitowoc, hosted by Dan and Barb Pankratz. Also, there are a number of Kaffeeklatsch's on the schedule in April - I hope to see some of our members at these events.

Get those Porsche's ready! May is just around the corner! It just occurred to me, I should follow my own advice.
Oh, and we should all congratulate Laura on getting her new Boxster home safe and sound. Finally!

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President,

Gordon Skog



FVR Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April, 2 Dinner / Social at Lorelei Inn, 1412 S Webster Ave, Green Bay. Hosted by Jamie & Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net

Saturday, April, 13 Tour / Dinner / Social at Manitowoc. Hosted by Barb & Dan Pankratz panky@lakefield.net

8:00am - Saturday, April, 20 Kaffeeklatsch at Copper Rock Coffee Co., 210 W. College Ave., Appleton. Hosted by John & Elizabeth Beck pizzafiend@hotmail.com

8:00am - Saturday, April, 20 Kaffeeklatsch at Jitter Bean Coffee & Ice Cream, 2670 Monroe Road, DePere. Hosted by Todd & Sheila Benz tbenz@onesourcetechnet.net

9:00am - Saturday, April, 20 Kaffeeklatsch at Cronies, 220 S. Main Street, Waupaca. Hosted by Tom & Lori Mazza 1lamazza@charter.net

Tuesday, May, 7 Dinner / Social / Car Show at Jim & Linda's, W3496 County Rd W, Pipe. Hosted by Allan & Pat Utecht allanu@walsdorffroofing.com

Saturday, May, 18 Kaffeeklatsch at Linger Café, 9431 Spruce St., Fish Creek. Hosted by Bob & Jen Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com

Saturday, May, 18 Spring Tour (2 days) to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's UP. Hosted by Al Curran arcllc@gmail.com

Saturday, May, 25 Tour / Social at Waupaca & Stevens Point. Hosted by Jim and Mary Niemiec zimal@charter.net

Saturday, June, 1 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Tuesday, June, 4 Dinner / Social at Kodiak Jack's, 2059 Witzel Ave, Oshkosh. Hosted by John & Jeanne Strublic jjstrublic@centurytel.net

Saturday, June, 8 Ladies' Only Tour to Washington Island. Hosted by Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net

10:00am - Saturday, June 15 Kaffeeklatsch at Cravings Coffee & Ice Cream Co, 312 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids. Hosted by Jim and Mary Niemiec zimal@charter.net

Sunday, June, 23 Porsche Parade (7 days) at Traverse City, MI Grand Traverse Resort. Contact Kathleen Behrens, Parade Registrar registrar@pcaparade.org

Saturday, July, 6 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Saturday, July, 13 Social / Dinner at New London. Hosted by Barb & Mark Wilkinson mark.wilkinson@charter.net

Saturday, July, 20 WVBO Car Show at Fox Valley Technical College. Hosted by Bryan Robertson bryan187247@hotmail.com

Saturday, July, 27 Social / Dinner at Trout Springs Winery, Greenleaf, WI. Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker brchrivr@centurytel.net

Saturday, August, 3 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Sunday, August 4 Holy Hill area tour. Hosted by Bob and Hiltrud Geiser rgeiser@milwpc.com

Tuesday, August 13 Dinner/Informal Car Show, location TBA. Hosted by Larry Rogers fvrpca@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, August, 17 Car Show at Egg Harbor. Hosted by Bob Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com

Saturday, September, 7 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Friday, September, 20 Fall Tour (3 days) to Minoqua. Hosted by Bob & Carol Burrell / Greg & Mary Rigoni grrigoni@chartermi.net

Tuesday, October 8 Fall Tech Session at Auto Clinic, Neenah. Hosted by Gordon Skog gord240z@live.com

Thursday, October, 24 Porsche Escape (3 days) at Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA. Hosted by Grand Prix / San Gabriel Valley regions, contact SuesanWay@pobox.com

Saturday, December, 14 Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 123 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah. Hosted by Gordon & Debbie Houle gord240z@live.com

Kaffeeklatsch by County

In an effort to get members together in a more casual setting, and in a place (hopefully) not too far from home, the Fox Valley Region will begin having Saturday morning coffee meetings hosted by various members in their county of residence. There is no agenda; just meet your fellow club members and talk Porsche for as long as you'd like and perhaps share a pot of coffee. You are welcome to attend as many meetings as you'd like. You don't have to just attend the one where you reside. Everyone is welcome- bring a friend if you'd like as well.

As long you're "talking Porsche", it's all good!

Thanks to all our hosts!

<u>County</u>	<u>Host(s)</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Door & Kewaunee	Bob & Jen Hawley	May 18 - Time - TBA	Linger Café, 9431 Spruce St., Fish Creek
Outagamie	John & Elizabeth Beck	April 20 @ 8:00 am	Copper Rock Coffee Co., 210 W. College Ave., Appleton
Wood	Jim & Mary Niemiec	June 15th @ 10:00 am	Cravings Coffee & Ice Cream Co, 312 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids
Waupaca	Tom & Lori Mazza	April 20 @ 9:00 am	Cronies, 220 S. Main Street, Waupaca
Portage	Marty & Jan Krebs	April 13 @ 9:00 am	Park Ridge Family Restaurant, 5110 Main Street (intersection I-39 and Hwy. 10) Stevens Point
Brown	Todd & Sheila Benz	April 20 @ 8:00 am	Jitter Bean Coffee & Ice Cream, 2670 Monroe Road, DePere
Shawano	Host needed		
Marathon	Host needed		
Oconto	Host needed		
Marinette	Host needed		
Winnebago & Fond du Lac	Host needed		
Upper Michigan	Host needed		

Don't see your area listed or would like to have a meeting in your home town? Volunteer to be a host! Please contact Laura Prellwitz at lprellwitz@att.net to have a kaffeeklatsch in your town.

We're Talking Porsche!!

April 2: Dinner at Lorelei Inn

Gemutlichkeit!

Please join us for dinner on Tuesday, April 2, at the Lorelei Inn at 1412 South Webster Street, Green Bay, 54301. This is our second annual dinner at this delightful German-American restaurant, with no ghostly encounters reported (yet).

If you'd like to check out the menu and prices ahead of time, go to www.lorelei-inn.com

Attitude Adjustment from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Dinner from the menu at 6:30.

Please RSVP to Jamie and Laura Prellwitz by March 31st at lprellwitz@att.net



April 13: Pankratz's Garage

Please join us Saturday, April 13, for a leisurely afternoon of driving, viewing of classic car restorations, and Italian supper. Dan and Barb Pankratz from Manitowoc, have once again invited members of the FVRPCA to visit their "Garage Mahal". Dan has personally restored many of these vehicles, sometimes spending decades to complete the project. Comprising his collection: 1922 Ford Model "T" Touring, 1926 Ford Model "T" Doctors Coupe, 1954 Jaguar XK-120 Roadster OTS, 1963 Porsche 356-B, 1967 Porsche 912/5 Coupe, 1970 Jaguar XKE Coupe, 1973 VW Kombi Bus, 2001 Mazda Miata Special Edition. Additionally, the Pankratz's have dozens of awards from the hundreds of rallies in which they have participated, along with many items of auto-related nostalgia.

1:30 PM - Meet at the Highway 310 Park & Ride. It is Exit #154 off I-43, then go east. It is at the intersection of Wagon Wheel Road. If you are traveling east on Hwy. 10, just remain on Hwy. 10. When you cross under I-43, the Park & Ride will be on your right. (The highway changes its name to "310" after pass under the interstate.) We have a leisurely tour along the Lake Michigan shoreline, including a stop at the home office of Cedar Crest Ice Cream in Manitowoc.

Approximately 3:00 PM - Arrive at Pankratz's.

By group consensus, we will leave and take a short drive to Luigi's Italian restaurant for supper. Participants will order from the menu.

Please join us Saturday, April 13!



May 7: Spring Opener

What: "Spring Opener" Dinner/Social Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Social time will be 5:00 to 7:00
Dinner will be 7:00

Where: Jim and Linda's Supper Club
W3496 County Road W, Pipe, WI
(on east shore of Lake Winnebago) [43.9143,-88.3325](tel:43.9143-88.3325)

Details: Coming soon is the annual Fox Valley Region event that gives us an opportunity to truly break free from the depths of winter, and get our favorite Porsche out from under the covers and on the road!

The annual "Spring Opener" at Jim and Linda's in Pipe is a great venue for an early season road trip, one that has had a great turnout over the past years. All you will need to take part in this great evening of dinner, conversation, and friendship with fellow members is to make your RSVP to attend with this year's hosts, Allan and Pat Utecht.

Contact: Please RSVP by May 1 to Allan and Pat Utecht. allanu@walsdorfroofing.com

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May 17-18: Spring Waterfalls Tour

What: **4th Annual Spring Waterfalls Tour to Upper Michigan**
 When: (Travel) Friday, May 17 & (tour) on Saturday, May 18, 2013
 Where: Munising, MI [46.3806. -86.6085](tel:46.3806.86.6085)

May 2013

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Primary tourmeister Al Curran writes, "Munising, MI, will be the starting and ending point for the tour. Munising is approximately 170 miles north of Green Bay. The tour will take place all day Saturday, May 18th, and will cover approximately 125 miles round-trip, with stops at Wagner Falls, Alger Falls (viewed from the road), Munising Falls, and Sable Falls. Lunch will be in Grand Marais, MI, and we will drive back along the same route- a fairly recently paved, nicely winding and low traffic road through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. There are a number of other scenic sights (a lighthouse, 300' high sand dunes, and the lakeshore cliffs) that we will stop at, time permitting. The exact route and the order of the stops will be dependent on the park conditions and weather on the date of the tour. You can find information about the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore at www.nps.gov/piro

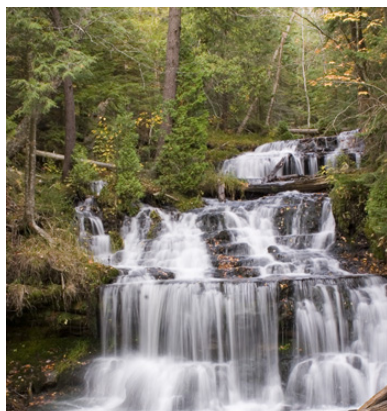
Overnight accommodations are available at the Americinn in Munising. All rooms have two queen beds, non-smoking for the special rate of \$69.99 per night. You must call the motel directly at 906-387-2000 ask for the reservations under "Fox Valley Region Porsche Club". **ONLY 6 rooms REMAIN!** First come, first served. For more about the motel, go to www.americinn.com/hotels/MI/Munising Address is 9926 State Hwy. M-28, Wetmore, MI 48895. **The final day to make a reservation is May 10.** After you have made your reservations, please e-mail lprellwitz@att.net and let Laura know so she can keep track of room availability.

You may drive to Munising on your own Friday evening, or if you wish, a car caravan will meet just north of Green Bay on Hwy. 41/141 at the Lineville Road exit #173. We will meet and depart at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 17. As always, a social tailgate will be held upon arrival at the Americinn Friday night. We will have dinner at Sydney's restaurant at 6:30 PM. They have a seafood buffet or you may order from the menu. You will receive a 10% discount with your motel key. www.sydneysrestaurant.com Saturday night will be pizza delivered to the motel by a local restaurant.

Contact: If you have questions, please contact Al Curran at arcllc@gmail.com or Laura Prellwitz at lprellwitz@att.net



Americinn Inn, Munising



Wagner Falls



Scenic shoreline in Munising

May 25: Touring Central Wisconsin

What: A Tour to the Stevens Point and Waupaca area

When: Saturday, May 25, 2013
Meet at Stevens Point Brewery 10:30 am

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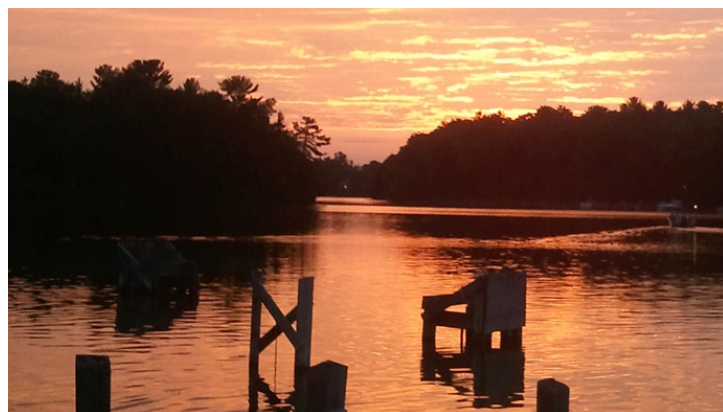
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Where: Stevens Point Brewery
2617 Water St, Stevens Point, WI
(on east shore of the Wisconsin River) [44.5102,-89.5739](tel:44.5102-89.5739)

Details: Please join Mary and I to kick off Memorial Day weekend on Saturday with a tour and refresher course in beer making at the Stevens Point Brewery in the heart Stevens Point. Please plan on arriving by 10:30 am in time for the 11 am tour. (\$3 per person charge - includes gift from brewery). <http://www.pointbeer.com/>

After the tour, we will ride back east on Hwy. 54 to the Clearwater Harbor Waterfront Restaurant and Bar (Hwy. QQ) as certified beer connoisseurs, thirsty to apply our knowledge and skills on their deck overlooking the lake. (We can also use the occasion to celebrate Mary's 39th birthday again!) <http://www.clearwaterharbor.com/>

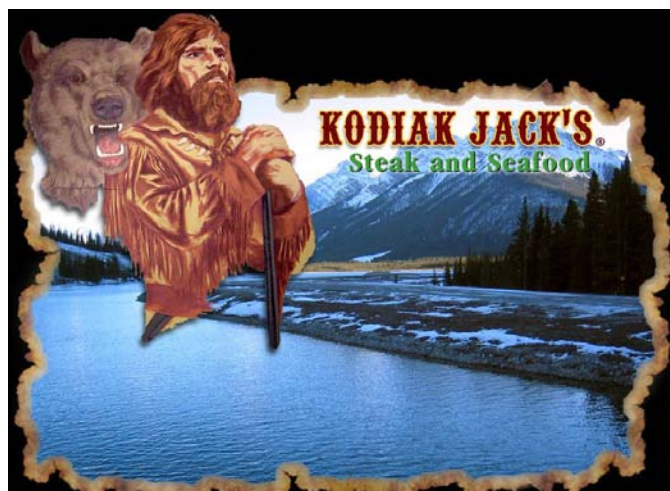
Contact: Details and directions provided closer to the event. Jim and Mary Niemiec, zimal@charter.net



June 4: Kodiak Jack's Dinner Meeting

IT'S KODIAK JACK'S TIME AGAIN!!

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When: Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Where: Kodiak Jack's Steak & Seafood
[2059 Witzel Ave. Oshkosh](http://2059WitzelAve.com)

Hosted By: Jeanne & John Strublic

Details: Please join us at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh for the June 4th dinner/social meeting. We will meet for cocktails at 5:00 in the bar with dinner following at approximately 6:30PM. Kodiak Jack's has a wide variety of menu items of all prices. We will be ordering off the menu and please note that the restaurant will add the tip to your bill. They have a wonderful table of snacks in the bar area until 6PM and reduced price drinks from 4 to 6PM as well. Our meeting will be in a separate area with our own salad bar so if you come in the main doors turn right to enter the bar and go all the way to the back and you will see the separate area that we will be in. We will be parking in the parking lot at the north end of the building and there also is a door there that will take you close to our meeting area.

Kodiak Jack's is just off of Highway 41 next to the Wal-Mart Super Center. The address is 2059 Witzel Ave., Oshkosh.

Contact: Please email us at jjstrublic@centurytel.net to let us know if you will be attending. We will need to have all responses by Monday, June 3rd.

Hope to see you there!! -- Jeanne & John Strublic

June 8, 2013: Ladies' Only Tour

Ladies, reserve **Saturday, June 8, 2013**, as YOUR day to drive and enjoy your Porsche! This year's tour will take us to beautiful Washington Island, in Door County. There is an optional overnight stay in Ephraim as well. We will meet at the BP Station/McDonald's at 2721 Manitowoc Road, Bellevue (east side of Green Bay) to **DEPART @ 8:30 AM**. Please be prompt! Manitowoc Road is exit # 181 off I-43. It is about a 2 hour drive to Northport where the ferry will take us to Washington Island. We will take the 11:00 AM ferry and will spend the afternoon on the 35 square mile island.

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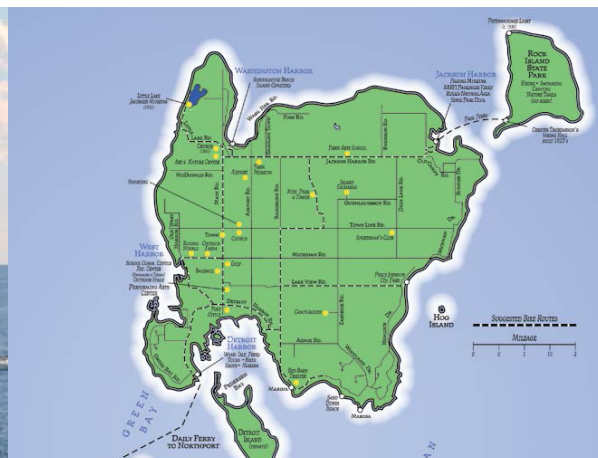
Costs and options: The 2013 rates are \$13 per person for the ferry only. Each auto is \$26. Therefore, two people in one car is \$52. IF you do not wish to take your car to the island, you may park it at the Northport Visitor's Center parking lot and pay the \$13 fare only. Upon disembarking the ferry, you may walk to some scenic areas and do some shopping, rent a bike or moped. Another option is to ride the 2- hour scenic and narrated Cherry Train tour. Individual tickets are \$15, or you may purchase a combo ticket (ferry fare and Cherry Train) for \$27.50. For more information about the ferry, <http://wisferry.com/ride-ferry> For more information about the cherry train, <http://www.cherrytrain.com>

For those of you who take your car to the island and will be driving, we will not have a "follow the leader" type tour. Since it's an island, the chances of getting lost are quite low. Therefore, you will be given a map of the island highlighting points of interest, things to see and do, list of restaurants, etc., so you will be free to explore at your leisure. Everyone needs to be back to the ferry dock before 4:00 PM to catch that ferry back to the mainland. The last boat of the day is at 5:00 PM.

We will gather back together at the Northport Visitor Center (ferry dock) and will drive south on Hwy. 42 making a shopping stop at Seaquist Orchards and at Ellison Bay Bluffs County Park for a scenic view.

For those of who are interested, a **block of five hotel rooms have been reserved** at the **Somerset Inn and Suites in Ephraim, WI**. A room with two queen beds is **\$82.14**, all taxes included. Please call the hotel directly at 920-548-1819 or 1-800-809-1819 and ask for one of the rooms reserved under the name "Laura Prellwitz". If there's a problem, please let me know, or ask for the manager, Phil Koch. Any unreserved rooms will be released by **May 5, 2013**. First come, first served. Please also let me know when you've made a reservation. For more details about the hotel, check out <http://www.somersetinn.com>

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at lprellwitz@att.net or call 920-242-1644.



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Source - Gordon Skog

Part Three

What can I say, it seemed like this would be easy, quick and painless. But that is not reality as I am finding out. Work on my 356 project has been painfully slow and continues to drain the pocket book. But as stubborn as I am, it will get done, just not as fast as I would like. It seems as if I take one step forward and two steps back.

I have made progress the past two months. The engine is a complete long block and just needs the tin, carbs, generator and finishing pieces put on to make it final. That would be done by now, but am waiting for the powder coating to be done. They say just one more week and then I can put it all together. I have also started putting the interior back together. The first step in this process was getting the headliner installed, which is very tricky. If you have never done this before, I suggest don't. I was fortunate enough to track down a guy that does upholstery for a living and was able to have him come to my shop and help me do this on the side. It turned out great and really gives it a finished new look. I then started putting the interior side panels in along with the new German carpet that I purchased six years ago and has been sitting in my attic at my home garage. As I opened that rare and hard to find box of carpeting that I had stashed away so long ago, I prayed that no rodents had made their home in there. That prayer must have worked, as there was no damage and the carpet



Finished Carpet installation (Joshua Skog photo)

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still smelled fresh. Again this job is not for the novice and I would not recommend doing it without help. So my interior guy has been helping me with this part of the project also. I anticipate having this completed by the time April arrives. The next step will be putting the doors back together, such as window regulators, door handles and all the glass, then will move my efforts to the front, installing the gas tank, then the front and rear bumpers.

Some of the hurdles I ran into this last go-around included having to disassemble the engine twice. First time was to redo the main crankshaft bearings, years ago I purchased a set of new old stock bearings from a guy and when we had finished assembling the crankcase we found the bearings were too tight and made the engine hard to rotate. So with that the engine came apart and I purchased a new set of bearings from Stoddard that were now available. Put those in and works like it should. Second time we had to take the engine back apart was when we went to adjust the valves, we came to one that would not adjust and determined that the valve stem was too long, so take that cylinder head off and send to our machinist and have him trim the valve to the proper length. Reassemble the engine and all adjusted out perfect. Third hurdle was when I was installing the interior, I installed the back panel first, not the easiest of jobs, but finally got it. I stand back to admire my work and feel a sense of accomplishment for a bit and dive right into installing the carpeting. That's when things started going wrong. I had that whole carpet kit spread out on the floor of my shop, laying all the



Motor assembled and ready for installation (Joshua Sog Photo)

Putting it All Back Together

pieces out and game planning on where to attack this part of the project first. Well it was confusing and intimidating, I didn't want to cut or drill where I wasn't supposed to, I only have one shot on this, the books were even more confusing and there were no instruction sheets with this kit. So I decided that I would start with an easy piece, the back side of the rear flip down seat, looked easy enough and build some confidence in me right? Wrong - I got that piece of carpet tacked to the back side as it should be, but then was trying to secure the other end into the floor pan with a screw, it just did not fit right and was too tight. After working with that for some time, I finally realized that there should not be a screw installed. It's a small hole that no will notice fortunately. So I move on to the next easy piece, to give me even more confidence. That would be the rear floor pan section that butts up to the rear back panel that I had already fought with and installed. Well as I was installing this rear section, it became clear to me that I needed to install the carpet section before I install the rear panel, so this will need to be removed then put back on after I get the carpet sectioned in. After this realization I just threw everything into a box and went home defeated.

Upon reflection of this project, it has become clear to me that no matter how great ones experience, a project as big as this one cannot be done alone. It has survived only because of the help of friends, such as David Treichel and Dave Zimmer, my body and paint guys, Jim Geske, my upholstery guy, Robert Schvid, my close friend and engine guy, my son Joshua and friend Jim Stephenson for moral support to keep me pushed in the right direction to get this finished. So with that said, stayed tuned for part four next month.



Headliner installation in progress (Joshua Skog Photo)

Savoring the Kaffeeklatch Flavor



Debra & Bill Scholfield, Barb & Mark Wilkinson, and Heidi & Dennis Kepchar at Biggby Coffee in Wausau



Lunch from the Urban Street Bistro

March 9th at Biggby Coffee in Wausau -

An early March destination in Northern Wisconsin was no problem, at least when driving a Cayenne. While the snow forecast for that day did arrive, it merely provided added ambience as we enjoyed a delicious Hazelnut blend. Our hosts Heidi and Dennis Kepchar had prepared plans for a “brown bag” lunch from Central Wisconsin’s first year round mobile restaurant, the Urban Street Bistro; and they graciously invited Barb and myself along with Mosinee residents Debra & Bill Schofield to their home to enjoy our takeout gourmet dining experience.

March 16th at Fork & Knife in Manitowoc -

Several inches of new fallen snow did not deter Bob Geiser from driving from Sussex to Manitowoc for a kaffeeklatsch on Saturday, March 16 with the Prellwitz’s. The breakfast meeting also became a bit of a book talk, as Bob shared a book he had learned about from *Panorama*, Survival of the Quickest. Across Africa. In a Porsche. by Ben Coombs, published in 2012. Bob is going to share a review of the book in an upcoming newsletter, and perhaps the book will be added to our club’s library. The book was of special interest to Bob as it involves a 1983 white 944. Good conversation, good food, and great friendship was shared!



Jamie Prellwitz, Laura Prellwitz, and Bob Geiser at the Fork & Knife

March Tech Session Follow-up

Source - Laura Prellwitz

March Tech Session at Taylor's

Although winter doesn't want to leave Wisconsin this year, it was a balmy 68 degrees in Fox Valley Region Webmaster's "Man Cave" March 23 where about eight members and their spouses gathered for a "Clutch Party" tech session on Al Taylor's 1981 924. Thanks to the club's president, Gordon Skog, owner of The Auto Clinic in Neenah, WI, the old clutch had previously been removed. While Gordon was attending the Zone 13 Presidents' meeting in Springfield, IL, the clutch party worked on a Saturday afternoon to install the new one. Despite some challenges, the group had a lot of laughs, developed some creative problem-solving techniques, and worked well together as a team. This truly was another model that exemplifies the camaraderie and support of the FVR members with one another.



Men at Work - Front Left to Right: Bob Geiser, Jim Prellwitz, Jimmy Haen, Al Taylor, Allan Utecht, Jim Niemiec, Tom Zoromski In back: Larry Rogers (Prellwitz Photo)

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While the men were hard at work, many of their spouses gathered in the Taylor home and prepared a delicious pot luck luncheon, socialized, and crafted 17 no-sew blankets that will be donated to a local hospital's emergency room to comfort children and adults who are in distress.

Al's primary Porsche is a red 1985 911 slant nose, but his two teenage daughters and younger son want their own Porsche to drive, so we look forward to seeing the Taylor children behind the wheel of the 924 soon.



Ann Taylor, Pat Rogers, Margie Zoromski, Mary Niemiec, and Mary Haen enjoy a beverage and social time while their respective spouses worked in the man cave (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



For the famished mechanics - a delicious pot luck lunch (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)

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Margie Zoromski and Laura Prellwitz form the relief crew as the 'menfolk' took their lunch break (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



Come on, let's get this show on the road! (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)

March Tech Session Follow-up



Pictures of the ladies' working (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



Bob took command of the situation (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



Lunch! (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



Blankets will be donated to a local hospital's emergency room (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)

FVR Member Focus: James Prellwitz, Jr.

From time to time, for some unknown reason, we share a bit about who we are and how we got into the club. To that end, we provide kind of a celebrity profile, like in a teen magazine, with the exception of being celebrities. So here is who I am.

Full Name: James Robert Prellwitz. Many of you also know me as Jim and Jamie. Allow me to explain. My father's name is also James. Yes, I am a junior. To avoid complication and differentiate me from my father, my immediate family called me Jamie while calling my father Jim, or sometimes James when he was in trouble. However, my friends and coworkers would call me either Jim or James. When I met my wife she was thoroughly confused as it seemed that my name would change randomly for no particular reason. Eventually she caught on but it's still confusing because she tries to refer to me in the appropriate context but the people we are talking to really mix up the rules. So to make it easier, I pretty much answer to anything. I have even been known to respond to the name Steve on occasion but we can talk about that and also get into nicknames sometime down the road.

Age: Many interesting things happened in 1959. Alaska and Hawaii joined the union as the 49th and the 50th states, Castro took supreme power in Cuba, the etch-a-sketch was invented, Ben-Hur and North by Northwest premiered in theaters, Bonanza premiered on NBC, the first seven US Astronauts were selected for the Mercury program, I was born and sadly Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper perished in a plane crash, the day the music died.

Home: I grew up on a farm in a very small rural community just outside of Nichols, Wisconsin, about 20 miles north of Appleton. My father was a tractor and automotive mechanic and hobby farmer and my mother worked at the local farmer's cooperative as an accounts clerk.

Occupation: For most of my adult life I have been managing manufacturing supply chains. First I worked selling steel for a few years. Then I found myself as an accidental purchasing manager, purchasing steel for building and bridge construction projects. For another 3 years I was purchasing parts for electrical wiring harnesses and heating elements. After that I spent 3 years purchasing lumber products for high end millwork in offices and homes and now, for the last 8 years, I have been in the lifting solutions business with Manitowoc Cranes. My job primarily involves being a mix of bloodhound, detective, and computer geek as well as project manager in order to find quality suppliers of the parts we need at fair prices.

Marital Status: Housebroken by my lovely wife Laura.

Hobbies: Pretty much everything Porsche; Porsche books, Porsche models, Porsche Pictures. I have also found myself interested in other sports cars, playing golf, studying the US Civil War, watching Science Fiction on television and movies, reading Science Fiction literature, playing strategy games, studying firearms and edged weapons and a lot of just messing about, fixing stuff.

How did I get into Porsche? Unfortunately, growing up in small community of 200 people, there are a lot of farm chores to do and very little free time. Therefore, I lived my early life vicariously through

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evening and short bursts of weekend television. Yes, we only had CBS, NBC and ABC for channels but in those days it was a lot. On the weekends we would be even more fortunate and if the clouds were thin and the stars were aligned we could get Wisconsin's Public television network.

It was there that I found solace from my routine chores in the form of British science fiction. Most Sundays I could catch Doctor Who on the BBC network rebroadcast on the Wisconsin Public Television network. Of course there were shows on the other channels also. I remember when Star Trek was first broadcast back in 1966. Watching television is where I started getting an inkling of fascination in small European sports cars. I watched James Bond save the world from super villains in his Aston Martin DB5 and every week I watched Maxwell Smart save the world from K.A.O.S. driving an Alpine Tiger, Karmann Ghia, and finally when Buick started sponsoring the show, an Opel GT.

Of course the local automotive entertainment was the Saturday night stock car races. We used to watch such local icons as "The Flying Farmer" Roger Paul, Red Bedell in his convertible thunderbird stock car, along with local dirt track heroes like, JJ and Medina Smith, Pete Parker, Bob Bennett and others. Even with the fun of watching local rural racing celebrities, you can only take so many left turns. So back to television.

Flipping through the channels one October weekend in 1973, I came across a race program with what at first looked like a string of pastel colored Chiclet's zipping around the track at Riverside international Raceway. As I watched these strange little cars I became enamored with their unique



Jim Prellwitz, Jr. and Jim Prellwitz, Sr. at the August, 2011 tour at Doc's HD (Laura Prellwitz Photo)

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performance characteristics as one by one, the “professional” drivers would overcompensate in the corners, only to end up with their back ends passing their fronts and spinning into the grass surrounding the raceway. The four race series originally took place over a few days and was rebroadcast each weekend for four weeks and I eagerly looked forward to watching every race. I was 15 when I saw Mark Donahue win the final of the four race series at Daytona in the Porsche RSR. I loved that funny little car with the engine in the rear.

I was heartbroken following year, when due to driver complaints over the handling and the cost of the vehicles, the sponsors of the IROC series switched to using Camaro’s in the race.

From then on I vowed to someday have one of these funny little cars.

I had a couple of opportunities to own one of these in the years that passed. Some were more than I could afford and some were going to be just too much work. In 1979 I came very close to a deal on a 1975 911 at a dealer in Appleton. The mileage and price was right but fortunately a good friend of mine that works in auto body repair looked it over with me and discovered that the car had been in a bad wreck and a lot of shortcuts were taken in making the repair. The dealer was not very happy with my inspection of the vehicle so I passed on the 911 and for a while, on the chance to own one.

Fast forward to 1999-2000, the year of the Y2K apocalypse.

Ok, so yes I had turned 40. My midlife crisis firmly in hand and my career pretty much set, my wife Laura and I had our financials in a fairly manageable state, so I restarted my search in earnest. I think that I spent about 9 months poring over automotive sale ads in print and on-line. Finally I saw an ad for a 1987 Carrera 911 that fit what I was looking for and it was just over in Appleton. So on a hazy, damp and drizzly Saturday morning I drove over to look at the car. I walked into the shop and asked the owner of the shop about the car. He simply tossed me the keys, pointed to it and said “take it out for a drive”. I did and fell in love with the car. A short review of the work records showed service done by our friendly neighborhood Auto Clinic, we did not know Gordon at the time, and it seemed like all the proper things had been done to the car. The owner of the dealership had taken a check from someone as a down payment on the car but the check had bounced so the iron was hot and opportunity was knocking. I told the owner that I would be back after the weekend and he said he would hold the car for me. So, the next business day, after work, Laura and I took a drive to Appleton and after a short negotiation, I was following her home in my new (old) 911.

That first night I spent a lot of time in the garage looking at all of the nuances of the car that I thought I knew about from my research. I was pleased to find everything the way it was supposed to be and also some interesting unexpected things.

The first time I went through the interior to give it a good cleaning I was surprised to find the remnants of a previous stereo harness tucked under the carpeting (I removed it), an old Def Leopard CD (no idea, gave it to a friend), and a couple of pennies. I have heard that it is good luck to put a few

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pennies in a new vehicle and keep them there, so those pennies, as well as a few more dropped in by a friend (also for luck) have been in the car since then.

Since then I have regularly changed oil and filters and plugs. I have changed the front shocks. I have repaired the sunroof headliner and also replaced some interior parts that were showing more wear than I liked. So far it's been running and making me happy. Oh, I know the A/C quit a couple of years ago, the cruise control cable broke and the engine burns oil and will certainly need some major work in the future but it's served my wife and I well, giving us miles of fun memories with our good friends in the club.

As they say, the rest is history. Oh wait, I guess this is all history.

We'll have to save some stories for the next Fall Tour.

Epilogue:

This year, in January, my little four wheeled friend turned 26 years old and thanks to some shopping by my wife, it has a new partner to share the garage with. Well actually it's more like a grandchild. Coming soon there will be a 2002 Boxster in the stall next to the old guy. I hope they get along.

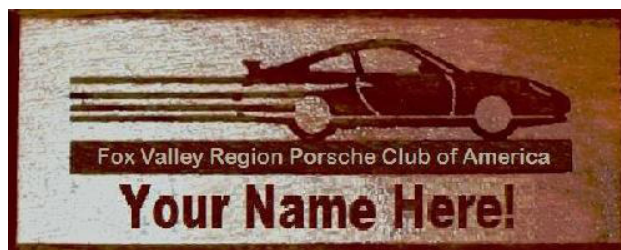
HELLO MY NAME IS

If you have been to a club event, undoubtedly you have seen others at the meeting with the attractive and classy engraved wood name tag, which is a great alternative to the press-n-peel name tag.

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Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Al & Kerri Bandola	Suamico, WI	2005 911 Turbo S	2012
Maciej Czechowski & Ewelina Rojek	Manistique, MI	1978 928	2012
Mitchel & Barb Eastman	Green Bay, WI	1989 911 C4, 1997 Boxster, 2001 911	2006
Carol & Richard Helstad	Oconto Falls, WI	1991 911	1987
Eric & Al Iverson	Little Chute, WI	2004 Boxster S	2012
Alfred & Pamela Kuck	Shawano, WI	2004 911 GT3	1998
Mike Lukowicz	Oshkosh, WI	1983 911, 2010 Cayman	2009
Jim & Mary Niemiec	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	2001 911	2009
Greg & Alicia Rigoni	Kingsford, MI	1988.5 944 TS	2007
Dennis & Frederic Schreiner	Sobieski, WI	1974 914, 1981 911 SC	1989
Robert Sutherland	Manitowoc, WI	2001 911	2006
Thomas & Judith Verhagen	Kaukauna, WI	1999 Boxster, 2001 Boxster	2003

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Laura Prellwitz "got Boxster" at home (Jamie Prellwitz Photo)



10 month old Vita Opicka gets her first driver's ed. lesson from her dad (Elise Opicka Photo)

From the Editor

The Learning Curve

Well, it is about time -

Now that the daytime high temperatures have finally achieved a measure far enough above the freezing point, and the Sun's altitude and azimuth allow for abundant sunshine on the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan countryside, otherwise known as the "Frozen Tundra"--for apparent good reason--we are beginning to see long awaited signs of Spring. Soon, the snow will be gone, and our lawns will re-appear from under the cover of winter's blanket. And our faces will feel warmth greater than that of the sunshine, as that long forgotten smile that warms our hearts and souls overtakes us when make final preparations to take to the road with our Porsches. On that first day when schedules work out just right, the Porsche is prepared; tire pressures checked, fueled up, shining and magnificent, and once we turn the key, the motor is sounding - ***well, just so right!***

Ah, yes, it is about time!

And as for a destination for that first road trip in the month of April, you will have your choice of four Kaffeeklatsch events. On April 13th at 9:00 am in Stevens Point at Park Ridge Family Restaurant, hosted by Marty & Jan Krebs. And on April 20th, which may just be the Fox Valley Region's answer to those as passionate about caffeine as their Porsche, there are three Kaffeeklatsch's scheduled; at 8:00 am in DePere at Jitter Bean Coffee & Ice Cream, hosted by Todd & Sheila Benz; at 8:00 am in Appleton at Copper Rock Coffee Co, hosted by John & Elizabeth Beck; and at 9:00 am in Waupaca at Cronies Café & Espresso Bar, hosted by Tom and Lori Mazza.

Can't decide which to attend? Well multiples are OK too; while logistically it could be possible to attend all of them, I'm not sure I could recommend that - the roads tend to be a bit rough this time of year, if you catch my drift. But I most certainly can recommend attending at least one of these great events; as it will provide a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some low-key, informal socializing with your fellow Porsche friends. And keep the pictures coming!

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