



## Whaletales

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#### On the cover

The Porsche 918 RSR, motorsports version of the 918 Spyder concept, was introduced at the Detroit Auto Show on January 10th, 2011.

918 RSR images supplied by Porsche AG

## From the President

Another calendar year has begun, and the Fox Valley Porsche Club rang in the New Year with gusto. If the January events are any indication of how the 2011 calendar will play out then we are in for one fun ride! We kicked things off at Victoria's in Appleton where there was no shortage of food and laughter. Thank you to Larry and Pat Rogers for hosting this fun evening.

As most of you know the Christmas party was rescheduled from December to January due to Mother Nature dumping feet of snow on the original date. Despite the date shift we still had a wonderful turn out. The Holiday Inn was very accommodating to the last minute date change and we very much appreciated their understanding. The 2011 holiday party will be held at the same location. Some highlights of this year's bash were the Bollenbach's ice-breaker game of Would You Rather? (many laughs were associated with this game), successful silent auction, and beautiful awards ceremony. Congratulations to Mark



Wilkinson who was presented with the prestigious Enthusiast of the Year award. Mark's passion for Porsche and this club is evident in every meticulously constructed issue of Whaletales. Thanks for all you do Mark and enjoy your well-deserved award.

Be sure to check the calendar of events so you can plan to attend the fun gatherings that are scheduled. Also, please welcome Laura Prellwitz as the new Social Chair for the club. Thank you Laura for stepping up in this critical role.

Lastly, but definitely not least, I am surprised and truly honored by the announcement that I had been chosen as Member of the Year. Thank you for your support and thank you for making this club feel like a family.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andew Opicka
President, Fox Valley Region
Porsche Club of America
andrew@opicka.com

# **FVR Calendar of Events**

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February	Tuesday, February 1, 2011 New Member Welcome Party, Dinner and Social at Champions Bar and Grill, hosted by Jim and Mary Haen. <a href="mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net">mehaen@sbcglobal.net</a>		
March	Tuesday, March 1, 2011 Spring Tech Session General Car Repair and Maintenance, hosted by Gordon Skogg. gord240z@live.com		
April	Saturday, April 9, 2011 Introduction to the Porsche Tractor at Johnathan's Italian Bistro, hosted By: Robert Geiser and Andrew Opicka. <a href="mailto:Andrew@opicka.com">Andrew@opicka.com</a>		
	Porsche Tractor and Antique Tractor display in Sussex WI By: Robert Geiser		
	Friday, April 29 - Saturday April 30, 2011 Supermileage Joe & Peg Homel <a href="mailto:phomel@att.net">phomel@att.net</a>		
May	Tuesday, May 3, 2011 Season opener at Jim & Linda's. Dinner at Pipe, WI, hosted by Tim & Judy St. Aubin <a href="mailto:testaubin@sbcglobal.net">testaubin@sbcglobal.net</a>		
	Saturday, May 14, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor		
	Sunday, May 15, 2011 Fox Valley Road & Track Classic - Roy Fine (British Car Club)		
June	Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5, 2011 Waterfalls Tour to UP. Waterfalls tour to Michigan's UP, Al Curran tourmeister. <a href="mailto:arctlc@gmail.com">arctlc@gmail.com</a>		
	Tuesday, June 7, 2011 June dinner/social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh hosted by John and Jeanne Strublic. jjstrublic@centurytel.net		
	Saturday, June 11, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor		
	Sunday, June 12, 2011 24 Heures du Mans 2011 at Circuit de la Sarthe, Le Mans, France The 24 Hours of Le Mans Party Hosted by Andrew Opicka <a href="mailto:andrew@opicka.com">andrew@opicka.com</a>		
	Saturday, June 18, 2011 Flag Day Parade FVR presence, co-hosted by Fritz Wotruba <a href="mailto:fwotruba@new.rr.com">fwotruba@new.rr.com</a> and Andrew Opicka <a href="mailto:Andrew@Opicka.com">Andrew@Opicka.com</a>		
	June 25, 2011 The 2011 Ladies Only tour Waupaca and Wautoma areas, hosted by Jeanne Strublic jjstrublic@centurytel.net and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net		
July	Saturday, July 2, 2010 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor		
Cary	Monday, July 4, 2010 Cars 2 Movie Family Fun Movie Date.  Hosted by Andrew Opicka Andrew@opicka.com		
	Saturday, July 9, 2010 Iola Old Car Show Cookout.  Hosted by Mark and Barb Wilkinson wiknsnm@wolfnet.net		
	Saturday, July 23, 2011 Social at Trout Springs Winery. Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker <a href="mailto:brchrivr@centurytel.net">brchrivr@centurytel.net</a>		
August	Tuesday, August 02, 2011 August dinner/social in Shawano area.  Hosted by Al & Pam Kuck <u>akuck@crinet.com</u>		
	Saturday, August 6, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor		
	Saturday, August 13, 2011 Chilton Steam Show and Fox Valley Region Porsche Display. Host Robert Geiser. <a href="mailto:region-ng-18">region Porsche Display</a> .		
	Sunday, August 14, 2011 "Arctic Circle" Lap around Lake Winnebago w/ice cream stops! Tour hosted by the Prellwitz's <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a>		
	Saturday, August ??, 2011 Dinner/social on a Saturday in Door County.  Hosted by Bob Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com (tentative)		
September	Monday, September 5, 2011 Labor Day picnic Hosted By George Payne. 82targa@att.net		
Gepterriber	Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25, 2011 Fox Valley Region Fall Tour hosted by James and Cindy Janes. jim@omscom.com		

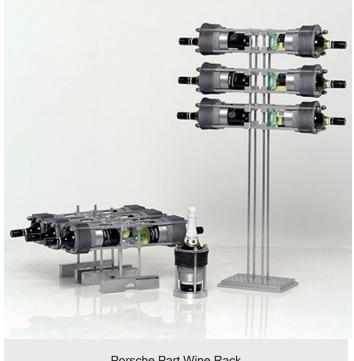
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October	Sunday, October 2, 2011 2011 Garage Mahal Tour (Garages needed to tour) please email <a href="mailto:andrew@opicka.com">andrew@opicka.com</a> (tentative)		
	Tuesday, October 4, 2011 Tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog		
November	Tuesday, November 8, 2011 November dinner/social, hosted by Barb and Charlie Wise		
December	Saturday, December 17, 2011 Fox Valley Region Holiday Party Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a>		

### Bits and Pieces



"The Thinker" - michelin-man-inspired-art.com



Porsche Part Wine Rack

If some of you wondered why I was looking to adopt yet another Porsche bear from the silent auction, here is a "family" photo of three "adopted for charity" bears and their brother at the Haen house.

See Madelyn, even though I had to chase you around the room to gain final custody, Motorsports bear is very happy with his new family.

And these bears are Packers fans!

Mary Haen



## **Upcoming Events**

February 2011

What: New Member's Party, Dinner, and Social

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat 30 31 1 2 3 4 5

March 2011

When: Tuesday, February 1, 2011

Where: Champion's Bar and Grill - (link)

1007 Tony Canadeo Run, Green Bay, WI 54304 - (Google Map)

Hosted By: Jim and Mary Haen

Details: Tuesday, Feb 1, 2011 meeting will take place at Champions Bar & Grill in

Green Bay. Meguiar's, the super car care folks from CA, are sending their Minneapolis agent Andrea to answer all of our questions on your car's appearance. Gordon will bring some tools to demonstrate some great new products for restoration of clouded lamp lenses. Auto Paint Specialists, suppliers to lots of auto body shops, will bring some products for sale and offer

discounts too. We'll give away a few Meguiar's things too!

All members are encouraged to attend, especially those who haven't attended a FVR PCA event before. Bring a spouse, bring a friend! Have a relaxing cocktail at about 5:30PM, grab a buck burger or a something off the menu about 7PM, and learn a bunch about your car's finish,...all surrounded by a the best collection of Green Bay Packers memorabilia outside of the Hall of Fame!

RSVP: By January 29 to <a href="mehaen@sbcglobal.net">mehaen@sbcglobal.net</a>





What: Spring Tech Session

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Where: The Auto Clinic

1495 County Road II, Neenah, WI 54956 - (Google Map)

Hosted By: Gordon Skog

Details: Building upon the high levels of participation and great interest shown

by members in the annual fall Tech Session, Gordon is adding a Spring Tech Session to our calendar this year, focusing on general car repair and maintenance. This will be a great opportunity to rev up your interest for the

2011 Porsche driving season!

Contact: Gordon Skog gord240z@live.com

When:

## **Upcoming Events**

#### June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



2011 Waterfalls Tour

June 3 -5

Upper Michigan resident and FVR member, Al Curran, will once again host a waterfalls tour to some of the U.P.'s most beautiful waterfalls. Last year's trip was spectacular and Al will lead us on a different route this year, so we can enjoy even more of nature's beauty. The Days Inn in Eagle River, WI, will be our home base for the weekend, located at 844 Railroad Street, Hwy 17 & 45 North, Eagle River, 54521. We will meet Friday evening, June 3, at your leisure at the hotel. Last year, several folks arrived later afternoon and went to dinner together. We can try to coordinate that again this year. Saturday will be an all-day tour. Sunday you may return home at your leisure.

A block of 12 rooms has been reserved at the Days Inn. Please call the hotel directly at 715-479-5151 to make your reservation under the name of "Prellwitz". Have your credit card handy! There are four (4) king rooms for \$71.10 per night plus tax, and eight (8) deluxe rooms with two queen beds, microwave and refrigerators for \$75.60 per night plus tax. The hotel is giving us a 10% discount because of this block, and because we are returning patrons. The cut-off for reservations is May 3, 2011. There may be rooms available after that date, but the rate will likely increase. As long as there are rooms available, we can add lodging, but availability is first come, first served. The hotel has a 24 hour pool and deluxe breakfast included. <a href="https://www.eagleriverdaysinn.com">www.eagleriverdaysinn.com</a>

Al Curran will be publishing more details in the future about the actual tour route, scenic stops, restaurants, etc., but you may begin making your hotel reservations now. If you have further questions, please e-mail Al at <a href="mailto:arcllc@gmail.com">arcllc@gmail.com</a> or Laura Prellwitz at <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a> Once you've made your hotel reservation, please let Laura know so she can add/delete rooms with the hotel as needed. Thank you.

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Although initially delayed by the weather, it was definitely worth the wait!

January 22, 2011 - Neenah, WI - The Fox Valley Region 2010 Holiday Party was held at the Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, with excellent attendance by members from far-flung locations of the region. This event proved to be spectacular, even though the weather on the originally scheduled date of December 11, 2010 had resulted in a necessary weather delay. While none of us are unfamiliar with winter driving, and it goes without saying that we on the average posses better than average driving skills - driving straight into the heart of a snowstorm dropping 18" of fresh snow across the landscape is something we can do without.

Something that 46 FVR members could not do without however was the opportunity to socialize with fellow members at the Fox Valley Region Holiday Party. Before dinner, each member took part in an ice-breaker questionnaire--to be answered by at least 10 other members present that evening--with each of us being put to the test with some rather interesting and provocative questions. Not sure how it leaked out what I used to do for a living (Oh well, only in my dreams)! As the evening progressed, members enjoyed a salad, vegetables, and a dinner entrée of Chicken Parmesan or Lasagna from the Italian buffet.

After dinner, the agenda turned to honoring members in recognition of time, dedication, and skills they have applied to ensuring a promising future for an already extraordinary Fox Valley Region. FVR President Andrew Opicka presented the awards in the form of a magnificent Porsche Club Trophy commemorating the 40 year anniversary of the Porsche 917. The recipients were: Laura Prellwitz, Membership Chair; Mark Wilkinson, newsletter editor; Al Taylor, Webmeister; Dennis Olson, Insurance Coordinator; Mary and Jim Haen; Secretary and Librarian/Archivist; Gordon Skog, Vice President; Tim Diedrich, Advertising Chair; and Larry Rogers, Treasurer. While unfortunately unable to attend, Nick Proctor was likewise honored for his service as Dealership Liaison/PR Chair. In addition, Nick will receive a special trophy, owing to his experience in a Southwestern Wisconsin cornfield this last September while on the fall tour - and awaiting resolution to his predicament of rapid tire depressurization.

Two awards, the recipients having been determined by write-in ballots from the general membership remained to be presented. These awards, presented by FVR Vice-President Gordon Skog are for the FVR Enthusiast of the



Year and Member of the Year, and were presented to Mark Wilkinson, Newsletter Editor, and Andrew Opicka, FVR President, respectively.

The final official business for the evening was the silent auction. Owing to the generosity of members who donated items placed up for silent auction, and to the members who placed bids on those items, the Fox Valley Region raised \$932 to further support club charities. Another successful FVR event, made possible, purposeful, and enjoyable by the participation of our members.



FVR members participating in the "Would you Rather" ice-breaker before dinner



Forty-five guests enjoyed the Italian Buffet dinner at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk



From left to right: V.P. Gordon Skog, Treasurer Larry Rogers, Librarian/Archivist Jimmy Haen, and Jamie Prellwitz were scoping out the items up for silent auction



Left to right: New members Robert and Hiltud Geiser (Porsche tractor owners), Dan & Barb Pankratz, Mary Niemiec and Barb Wilkinson



First Lady, Elise Opicka, was the official greeter and registrar at the party



Pat Rogers warms the room with her smile as the Italian buffet is served



New social chair, Laura Prellwitz and hubby, Jamie



The tool kit donated by the Auto Clinic was a popular item on the auction



Dennis Olson, Insurance Coordinator, receives a Porsche Club Trophy from Andrew Opicka



Mark Wilkinson, Newsletter Editor, receives a Porsche Club Trophy from Andrew Opicka



Mary Haen, Secretary; and Jim Haen, Librarian, receive a shared Porsche Club Trophy



Andrew Opicka presents Larry Rogers, Treasurer, with a Porsche Club Trophy



Kathie and Pete Bollenbach were just gleaming all evening!



Mary Niemiec prepares to cart away her auction winnings, as husband Jim (seated, left of center) grows increasing distraught, knowing that as a Bears fan, it may be the only winning he knows this weekend!

# Flying Lizards Daytona Testing

Lizards Complete Successful Test of the No. 45 Porsche-powered Riley Daytona Prototype

Source: www.lizardms.com

January 9, 2011 - Daytona Beach, FL - Flying Lizard completed a successful test at Daytona this weekend, with the official inaugural run of the team's No. 45 Porsche-powered Riley Daytona Prototype. Drivers Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), Patrick Long (USA), Seth Neiman (USA), and Johannes van Overbeek (USA) participated in the three-day Roar Before the Rolex 24 test. The four drivers will pilot the No. 45 DP for the Rolex 24 At Daytona, January 29-30, 2011.

#### Team Perspective on the Test:

Flying Lizard chief engineer Craig Watkins: "This is our first time running a Daytona Prototype so there is a lot that's new. It took some time at the beginning for us to get to know the car and to integrate the new crew that we have for this race. We got off to a slow start, but once we got our arms around the car, we progressed steadily over the sessions. We're thrilled to be here."

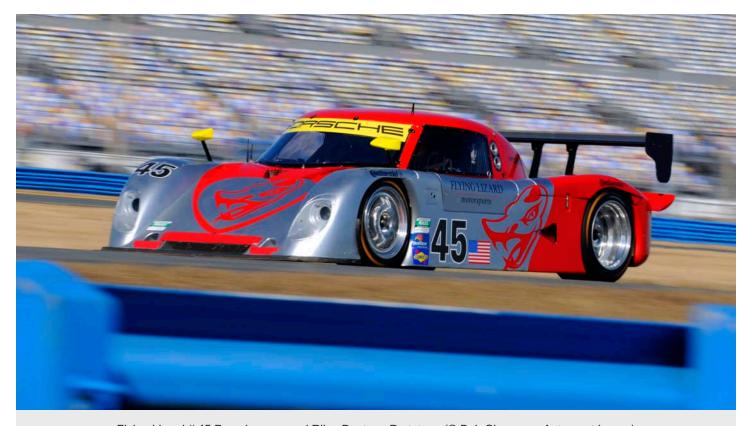
Driver Patrick Long: "I'm pleased with the progress that we made over the weekend in tuning the car. It's been a steep

learning curve to come right into it with a brand new car, but we definitely met our test objectives. We still have more on our list to try during race week; we're leaving today feeling optimistic that we'll have a solid racecar for the 24."

Driver Joerg Bergmeister, "We had a good three days and saw the car get better and better in each session. We also worked a lot on driver comfort and driver changes, getting everything sorted out so we'll have one less thing to worry about during race week. By the last few sessions, we were fairly competitive - it's definitely going to be an interesting race."

Driver Johannes van Overbeek: "It was good to be back here with old friends. I enjoyed driving the DP; it was the first time I've driven a prototype. Once I adapted to the car, I liked it quite a bit; I'm definitely looking forward to the race."

For more on the Roar Before the 24 Test results, visit www. grand-am.com.



Flying Lizard # 45 Porsche-powered Riley Daytona Prototype (© Bob Chapman, Autosport Image)

## Flying Lizards Daytona Testing

Flying Lizard Driver History at Daytona

The four Lizard drivers also teamed up for the 2010 Rolex 24, finishing second in GT in the No. 67 Flying Lizard/ TRG Porsche GT3 Cup car. Bergmeister and Long are Porsche factory drivers. Bergmeister has won three times at the Rolex 24: in GT in 2009 (with Patrick Long), in GT and overall in 2003, and in GT in 2002, all with TRG. He was also the Grand-Am DP champion in 2006 (with Krohn Racing). Bergmeister and Long have driven together in the Flying Lizard No. 45 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the ALMS for the last two seasons. Bergmeister is five-time ALMS GT drivers' champion (2005-2006 and 2008-2010); three of those titles were driving with Flying Lizard (2008 through 2010). Bergmeister is the only driver in Grand-Am and ALMS history to win the championship in both series in the same year (2006). Long has won the ALMS GT drivers' title three times, all with Bergmeister: 2005, and 2009-2010.

van Overbeek, who drove with the Lizards from 2004-2009 in the ALMS, has competed eight times at the Rolex 24. Notably, in 2007 he finished third with JLowe Racing, in 2004 took the pole and second in GT (and third overall) with Seth Neiman and Mike Rockenfeller in the Flying Lizard No. 74 Porsche and finished third in GT and overall in 2003.

About Flying Lizard Motorsports

Flying Lizard Motorsports has competed in the American Le Mans Series GT class since 2004. The team has finished in the top three in the ALMS GT2 drivers' and team championships every year since 2004. In 2010, Flying Lizard No. 45 drivers Joerg Bergmeister and Patrick Long won a hard-fought battle for the GT drivers' championship. In 2009 and 2008, the team swept all ALMS GT2 titles: drivers' championship (Bergmeister and Long in 09, Bergmeister and Wolf Henzler in 08); Flying Lizard won the team championship; and Porsche won the manufacturer championship. In 2009, the Flying Lizard No. 44 Porsche also won the Michelin Green X Challenge championship.

Flying Lizard has also competed in the 24 Heures du Mans from 2005 through 2010, finishing third in 2005, fourth in 2006, and sixth in 2008.

Visit the team website at www.lizardms.com. For the latest team racing apparel and Porsche gear visit the Flying Lizard stores online and in the paddock.

The privateer team is based in Sonoma, California.



Flying Lizards 2011 Daytona Practice (© Bob Chapman, Autosport Image)

## Porsche Motorsport News

#### Porsche may return to F1

The word on the street is that Porsche may be considering a return to Formula 1 Racing. Reports have indicated that Porsche chairman Matthias Mueller is cautious of Porsche competing with Audi in Le Mans' premier LMP1 class. The necessity of Porsche being profitable in motorsports activities is not lost on Mueller, who seems to favor supplying engines to Formula 1 teams rather than supporting a Porsche-run team. Said Mueller; "We don't spend money [in motorsport] - we earn money."

Porsche has been involved in Formula 1 racing from time to time, and has done so successfully. In the 1960s Porsche ran a works team, emerging with a victory at the 1962 French Grand Prix with Dan Gurney. Porsche's next foray into F1 was in the 1980s, when McLaren shareholder TAG paid for Porsche to create a turbocharged engine for the team - which powered Niki Lauda to the 1984 title and Alain Prost to the '85 and '86 crowns.

### Porsche at Daytona with 7 drivers

The 24 Hours at Daytona has been run on the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach/Florida since 1966, and Porsche will again be competing there on January 29th. With 22 overall wins, Porsche is the most successful manufacturer in the history of the race on the Daytona International Speedway, where this time seven Porsche factory drivers will compete for customer teams.

This race, as the season-opener to the American Grand-Am Series, has been won by Formula 1 greats like Lorenzo Bandini, Chris Amon and Jacky Ickx as well as US racing legends like Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt and Al Unser. With its 12 corners, the 5.729 kilometre Daytona International Speedway is one of the most famous race tracks in the USA. The 24 hour race is contested on a combination of the oval with banked corners and the infield.

The Grand-Am Series will also be visiting Road America on June 25.



Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, Brumos Racing: Marc Lieb (Porsche AG Press Database)

## 918 RSR "Racing Laboratory"

#### Porsche 918 RSR - racing laboratory with even higher-performance hybrid drive

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

Stuttgart. Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is continuing to extend its performance and high efficiency competence via intensive development work in the field of hybrid technology. With the Porsche 918 RSR, the manufacturer of sporty premium vehicles is presenting a high-end synthesis of 2010's successful hybrid concepts. The two-seater mid-engine coupé 918 RSR clearly reveals what happens when the technology fitted in the 911 GT3 R hybrid and the design of the 918 Spyder are transferred to a modern, innovative super sports car.

With its highly-efficient flywheel accumulator, the 911 GT3 R hybrid racing car proved to be an attention magnet during competition racing on the Nürburgring Nordschleife circuit, during the American Le Mans Series races (ALMS) in Road Atlanta/USA and the ILMC run in China's Zhuhai. It demonstrated its massive performance potential under realistic motor racing conditions against top competitors.

The 911 GT3 R Hybrid, referred to internally as the "Race Lab" actually surpassed the high expectations of Porsche Motorsport. Competitiveness, high reliability and exemplary fuel efficiency combined with top performance underscored the Porsche technicians' basic idea of generating additional power in an intelligent manner. The 911 GT3 R Hybrid obtains its additional power from its own vehicle dynamics when braking. Porsche is now transplanting this technology into the mid-engine coupé 918 RSR, the motor sports version of the 918 Spyder concept car.

From the tradition established by classic Porsche long-distance race cars such as the 908 long-tale coupé (1969) and the 917 short-tail coupé (1971), the Porsche designers created a link to the postmodernism of the "form follows function" philosophy. In the 918 RSR, the lines' elegant flow is dominated by muscular wheel arches, dynamic air intakes and a pulpit-like cockpit. A visible fan wheel



## 918 RSR "Racing Laboratory"

between the ram air intake tubes and a rear spoiler with RS Spyder dimensions additionally emphasise the racing laboratory function. The new "liquid metal chrome blue" colour which has been created underscores the sculptured curves of the forms, whilst the typical Porsche hybrid orange colour on brake calipers and the body's longitudinal stripes lends remarkable touches.

Motor racing technology also dominates within the particularly light, torsionally stiff carbon fibre-reinforced plastic (CFRP) monocoque. The V8 engine is a further development of the direct injection engine from the successful RS Spyder race car and now offers an output of precisely 563 hp at 10,300/rpm in the 918 RSR. The electric motors on the two front wheels each contribute 75 kW, i.e. a total of 150 kW, to the peak drive power of exactly 767 hp. This additional power, which is generated during braking, is stored in an optimised flywheel accumulator.

In the 918 RSR, the two electric motors offer a torque vectoring function with variable torque distribution to the front axle. This additionally increases agility and improves steering response. Mounted upstream of the rear axle, the mid-engine is integrated with a racing transmission also

based on the RS Spyder race car. This further developed six-speed constant-mesh transmission with longitudinally mounted shafts and straight-toothed spur gears is operated using two shift paddles behind the racing steering wheel.

The vehicle's functional equipment underscores its puristic motor racing character. Whether it be the characteristic doors which open obliquely upwards, the air intake in the roof between the wing doors, the quick-action locks on the front and rear CFRP lids, the two roof-mounted aerials for pit radio and telemetry, the RS Spyder-like small, lateral front flics or the air splitters beneath the front lip or no-profile racing slicks on 19" wheels with central locking, the vehicle can be clearly recognised as an experimental racing laboratory.

In contrast to the 918 Spyder concept car, unadorned racing atmosphere predominates in the interior of the 918 RSR. The figure-hugging bucket seat's brown leather covering cites the history of the gentleman driver; the gear flashes on the racing steering wheel and a recuperation display on the steering column in front of the display screen supply the pilot with information. Instead of the futuristic, ergonomically avant-garde centre console with touch-sensitive user interface from the 918 Spyder concept car,



## 918 RSR "Racing Laboratory"

the 918 RSR's cockpit is split by a minimalistic console with rocker switches. Instead of a second seat, the flywheel accumulator is positioned to the right of the console.

This flywheel accumulator is an electric motor whose rotor rotates at up to 36,000 rpm to store rotation energy. Charging occurs when the two electric motors on the front axle reverse their function during braking processes and operate as generators. At the push of a button, the pilot is able to call up the energy stored in the charged flywheel accumulator and use it during acceleration or overtaking manoeuvres. The flywheel is braked electromagnetically in this case in order to additionally supply up to 2 x 75 kW, i.e. a total of 150 kW, from its kinetic energy to the two electric motors on the front axle.

This additional power is available for around eight seconds when the system is fully charged. In the successful 911 GT3 R Hybrid, this additional power can also be used as a consumption aid depending on the racing situation, e.g. to delay pit stops or reduce the fuel tank volume and therefore the weight of the vehicle.

With the new 918 RSR racing laboratory, Porsche is now elevating this motor racing hybrid concept to an experimental level. In the 918 RSR, "Porsche Intelligent Performance" equates to research into methods for further sustainable efficiency improvement under the intensified conditions of the race track, lap times, pit stops and reliability - a metier in which Porsche has been demonstrating its success for over 60 years.

Finally, the starting number, 22, pays homage to the anniversary of a further triumph. Back in the days when overall victories in Le Mans were not yet an entirely routine matter within the Porsche racing department, the pilots Dr. Helmut Marko and Gijs van Lennep were the first to cross the finishing line in 1971's 24-hour classic. The distance record set by their Porsche 917 short-tail coupé - 5335.313 kilometres (3315.21 miles) at an average speed of 222.304 km/h (138.13 mph) - did not remain unbeaten for an eternity, but for exactly 39 years until 2010. At the time, the 917 in the Martini colours was also an experiment and far ahead of its time: a magnesium space frame set new standards in Porsche's lightweight construction domain.



## **January Meeting Notes**

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Thanks to Larry and Pat Rogers for hosting the Annual Meeting at Victoria's in Appleton. Unknown to our hosts, Victoria's decided to do a bit of carpet scrubbing, which messed with our seating arrangement and bar facilities. But, as always, we were still able to enjoy a nice meal and warm conversation. We welcomed new members Robert and Hiltrud Geiser of Sussex, WI.

You can join Robert in April at the event he will be hosting, to find out more about Porsche tractors. Watch the newsletter for more details.

Due to some nasty blizzard conditions on December 11th, our annual Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Neenah was moved to January 22nd. Results of the 2010 voting for PCA board members, Enthusiast of the Year, and Member of the Year will be announced at the Holiday Party and printed in the next newsletter.

The February 2011 meeting will be held at Champions Bar & Grill in Green Bay. The night will include representatives from Meguiar's Wax, Auto Paint Specialists, and our own Gordon Skog who will be demonstrating how to restore plastic headlamps. You can check out Champions at <a href="https://www.championssportsbarandgrillgreenbay.com">www.championssportsbarandgrillgreenbay.com</a>

Gordon will also host the March meeting. He will address general car repair and maintenance.

There was no charity raffle. Door prizes were awarded. Six FVR-PCA wineglasses went to Pat Rogers, Porsche poster to Alan Utecht, and the Porsche coffee mug went to Barb Wise.

Mary Haen

# 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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# Membership Milestones





#### Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Warren & Joyce Beaver	Nekoosa, WI	1998 Boxster	2000
Robert & Susan Dean	Green Bay, WI	2007 Cayman	2007
George & Kathy Graphos	Green Bay, WI	2008 Cayman S	2008
Dennis & Heidi Kepchar	Wausau, WI	2001 Boxster, 2004 Cayenne, 2008 Carrera	2003
John & Sherry Lazar	Custer, WI	1975 914, 1977 912,	2000
George & Quinn Payne*	Oshkosh, WI	1982 911	2007
David Treichel and Blake Treichel	Appleton, WI	1986 944, 1980 911, 2002 Boxster	1992
Gerald & Deborah Wetter	Appleton, WI	N/A	1966
Fritz Wotruba**, and son Trevor	Appleton, WI	1986 944	1989

#### Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)
Alan James	Green Bay, WI	1999 Boxster
David Maki	Marquette, MI	2007 911 CS4

<sup>\*</sup> George Payne will be hosting the annual Labor Day picnic at Road America in September.

Our region's current membership is 288 total members; 157 primary members and 131 affiliate/family members. Thanks to all of you who continue to promote our club to fellow Porsche owners! Thank you also to our loyal members who continue to renew their membership with us annually. Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Fritz Wotruba and his son will be co-hosting a new event for our region in June; participating in the annual Flag Day parade in Appleton.

## From the Editor

### The Learning Curve

We have now reached that point on the calendar when the days are becoming noticeably longer. This is of course a welcome development, as each year we know what is around the corner; the snow and ice of winter will melt away and give way to the warmer days ahead - and in turn, opportunities for enjoyable club events with the common thread of Porsche. Of course, warm weather is not a pre-

enjoyable club events with the common thread of Porsche. Of course, warm weather is not a prerequisite for events in the company of our favorite vehicles, but it does of course help make things more enjoyable.

And speaking of our favorite vehicles, how about the incredible Porsche 918 RSR concept "Racing Laboratory" unveiled at the Detroit Auto Show this January! Porsche is showing a strong commitment to perfecting hybrid technologies by rapidly integrating them into motorsports. Building on the technology previously applied in the 911 GT3 R hybrid and the contemporary design of the 918 Spyder, Porsche has clearly undertaken a course towards developing a future platform of vehicles employing both the best of efficiency and performance. That future may well be seen in the coming racing seasons as the development of the 911 GT3 R hybrid and eventually, the 918 RSR, are further refined and perfected.

I certainly do hope you enjoy the articles and associated images regarding the Porsche 918 RSR, as they were obtained directly from Porsche AG. Having been successful in seeking to obtain access to official Porsche press release information, I was recently granted access to the Porsche Press Database, with rights to use to the latest Porsche related news and imagery for journalistic purposes. With this important source of information now available directly from Porsche AG, along with media access to various Porsche related motorsports organizations, you can be assured of receiving the most current Porsche news in Whaletales, your Fox Valley Region newsletter.

Also, I would like to gratefully acknowledge having received the 2010 Fox Valley Region "Enthusiast of the Year" award. The awareness that being chosen to receive this incredible honor is the result of a membership vote makes it so very treasured to me. This was truly an unexpected recognition, so from your very humbled editor, please accept a thank you.

Your Whaletales Editor Mark Wilkinson wlknsnm@wolfnet.net

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