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This months cover photo was provided by Laura Prellwitz, who took this picture of an ornament created by Barb Wise.

From the President

As this is my first President's letter I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their participation in our 2009 region holiday party. It was a spectacular event with record attendance. Thanks to all who helped to make the event happen, and all who participated. I appreciate the opportunity to act as club president; I certainly hope to achieve the quality that Laura has over the years.

I consider my role as president a great honor. I have been involved in many car clubs over many years but have never felt more pride than I do being a member of Porsche Club of America. As some of you have seen in the recent Panamera commercial (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YssFS12jVUU>) Porsche has emphasized the family tree. This is a great example of what I have found our club to be about - family, friends, and Porsches. Porsche Club of America's slogan "It's not the cars, it's the people..." seems to appropriately describe what I consider to be the roots of the Fox Valley Region's family tree. As you are all my extended family, I invite you to contact me at any time to discuss questions, ideas, concerns, new event plans, and projects. My personal email address and phone number is always in the newsletter, club website and listed below.

Andrew Opicka - Phone: 920.217.1010 - Email: Andrew@Opicka.com



As most of our 2010 year is already planned there are still a few Technical Seminars in the works. We are planning to have a technical seminar this spring on both the new 2010 Panamera and the 2010 911 Turbo. These events should emphasize the new technology offered by Porsche and the technical achievements of each new model. I hope to hold a seminar on each of the new models as they are released, and can assure you Porsche will not disappoint with these new cars. Equally important to discovering what Porsche has in store for the present and future, I hope to dedicate some time to exploring and celebrating their achievements of the past.

I have reviewed our membership survey results and appreciated all the responses. My plans for the future involve offering quality diverse events. Our calendar of events for 2010 is a great example of this and features all the hard work our members and hosts put into this club. I do hope to add variety by offering more technical and race events. I also hope to achieve a close working relationship with PCNA. The Porsche brand is the core commonality of our member relationships and improving the communication with PCNA will only bring more benefits to our membership. If anyone has suggestions on new event topics our Board is always looking for new ideas.

I also would like to setup a separate email group for those that are interested in "Anything Porsche." I receive many news articles, spy photos, corporate memos, and vehicle release details and am very eager to share with anyone interested. To sign-up to receive these emails please send me an email (Andrew@Opicka.com) with the subject "Porsche News Request". This will make it easy for everyone who wishes to receive the emails and will allow those uninterested to be excluded. We will also be adding a small column in each newsletter containing the links to several "hot" articles sent out to this e-mail group.

Lastly I hope to see many of you at the January meeting which will be hosted by Larry Rogers on January 5th - Dinner Meeting at Victoria's Italian Cuisine, 503 W. College Ave.; Appleton. 5:30 pm Cocktails, with Dinner at 7:00 pm. Please remember to RSVP by Jan 2 to Larry Rogers at fvrpca@sbcglobal.net

Thank you and I hope to see you all soon.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrew Opička

Upcoming Events

Come and help celebrate the start of a new year with the Fox Valley Region! Join us for the first scheduled FVR event of the New Year on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

What: Dinner Meeting at Victoria's

When: Tuesday, January 5, 2010

Where: Victoria's Italian Cuisine

503 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54911

Details: 5:30 PM Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner

RSVP by Jan 2 to: Larry Rogers at fvrpca@sbcglobal.net

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

You are cordially invited to an exclusive viewing of National Geographic's Ultimate Factories series episode featuring Porsche! Join us at the SC Grand Dinner Theatre on Friday February 5, 2010 as Andrew Opicka hosts Porsche Movie Night!



February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6

What: Porsche Movie Night

Get inside the famous House of Porsche and see how they create the Porsche 911, one of the most influential and recognizable vehicles in the world. Every distinctive element is manufactured at the Zuffenhausen factory in Stuttgart, Germany, a historical industrial monument. We'll examine the Porsche factory's innovative system of lifts, elevators and bridges, which conveys car bodies 50 feet above a public highway.

When: Friday, February 5th

Details: 5:30PM Social 6:00PM Dinner 7:00 Movie

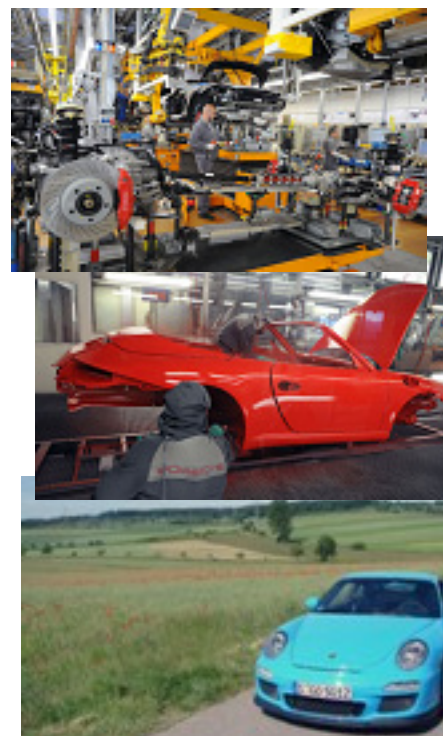
Where: SC Grand Dinner Theatre

1250 Mid-Valley Drive, DePere, WI 54115

Food: Family Style Baked Chicken and Baked Haddock.

All Family Style Selections are served with garlic baby red mashed potatoes, corn bread stuffing, gravy, steamed vegetable (corn, California blend, frenched green beans, or glazed baby carrots), coleslaw, fresh baked dinner rolls, butter, assorted dessert bars or cake cutting, coffee, hot tea, and milk. With tax and service charge \$14.75 / person.

RSVP by Feb 1 to: Andrew Opicka at Andrew@Opicka.com



Upcoming Events

We are pleased to announce that our club will be going to the Chicago Auto show on Saturday, February 20th, 2010.

You are welcome to bring family or friends, but the only way I will hold a seat on the coach is if I receive a check made out to "Fox Valley Region PCA" in advance for \$25.00 per person. The \$25.00 per head will be the cost of the coach only. The \$25.00 is not refundable if you can't make it. We usually fill the coach to capacity. Carry on coolers are welcome. 2010 Chicago Auto Show Tickets are available separately for \$11.00 per person for adults, senior tickets are \$7.00 (age 62 and over) Children age 7-12 are \$7.00. It is recommended you purchase tickets ahead of time online at www.chicagoautoshow.com You will print them on your home printer, this can save a lot of time at the entry gates. We will make stops for breakfast and supper.

Thank You,

Jim Stephenson
sspeedster356@new.rr.com



February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

What: Chicago Auto Show Bus

The Chicago Auto Show is one of the largest car shows in the world. The show generally displays most all makes of cars, trucks, and SUVs, to include many cars of the future. We will have a 56 passenger coach from Kobussen bus lines and we will be leaving Appleton PROMPTLY at 7:00 am and arriving back in Appleton around 9:00 pm.



When: Saturday, February 20th

Details: 7:00 am departure - 9:00 pm return

Where: Bus from Faith Technologies, 2662 American Drive, Appleton, WI 54914

Breakfast: Stopping at Bubblitz's Family Restaurant, 580 East Ave, Lomira, WI 53048 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

2010 Chicago Auto Show: McCormick Place, 2301 South Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60616 Arrive 11:00 am, leave 3:00 pm.

Supper: Stopping at Claim Jumper Restaurant 781 N Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, IL 60090 from 4:15 pm to 6:15 pm.

Return: Bus returns to Faith Technologies at 9:00 pm

RSVP info: Send checks for coach ride payable to "Fox Valley Region PCA" to:

Jim Stephenson
 111 Parkway Drive
 Combined Locks, WI. 54113

Upcoming Events

Spring Waterfall Tour



May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

What: Spring Waterfall Tour - You are invited to tour of some of the UP's most spectacular and accessible waterfalls.

When: Saturday, May 22nd, 2010, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm CDT

The tour will start and end in the parking lot of the Days Inn, Eagle River, WI

In the morning: We will visit Bond Falls (pictured above) and Agate Falls.

Lunch: Elk & Hound Restaurant, Ironwood, MI (tentative)
N10233 Country Club Rd, Ironwood, MI 49938

In the afternoon: Potawatami Falls & Gorge Falls (collocated) and Lake Gogebic State Park (Rest Stop)

Overnight Accommodations: We have a block of rooms reserved at the Eagle River Days Inn for the nights before and after the tour (the 21st and the 22nd). To reserve a room, please send email to Al Curran at arcllc@gmail.com. The room rate is \$62.10 per night plus tax.

There will be many other interesting sites along the way, including the Copper Peak Ski Jump and the world's largest Stormy Kromer (if you don't know what a Stormy Kromer is, all the more reason to come!)

RSVP info: Contact Al Curran at arcllc@gmail.com

FVR Calendar of Events

January	Tuesday, January 05, 2010 Annual Meeting at Victoria's Annual meeting/dinner at Victoria's in Appleton, 5:30 PM Cocktails & 7:00 PM Dinner. Larry & Pat Rogers hosting. Please RSVP by Jan 2 to Larry Rogers at fvrpca@sbcglobal.net
February	Friday, February 05, 2010 Movie Night at SC Grand Movie night and dinner at SC Grand in DePere; 5:30PM Social, 6:00PM Dinner, & 7:00 Movie. Please RSVP by Feb 1 to: Andrew Opicka at Andrew@Opicka.com
	Saturday, February 20, 2010 Bus to Auto Show Bus trip to Chicago Auto Show. Jim Stephenson hosting. sspeedster356@new.rr.com
March	Tuesday, March 02, 2010 Porsche Driving School at Sports Corner Will be held at Sports Corner, DePere. Porsche Driving School information and dinner. Andrew Opicka hosting. Andrew@Opicka.com
April	Tuesday, April 06, 2010 Plum Hill Dinner/Social Plum Hill restaurant in Kaukauna, hosted by the Stephenson's. sspeedster356@new.rr.com
	Friday, April 30, 2010 - Saturday, May 01, 2010 Supermileage Challenge Supermileage challenge at FVTC and WIR. Joe & Peg Homel, coordinators. phomel@att.net
May	Saturday, May 01, 2010 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Coffee at Bergstrom Porsche Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Nick Proctor/Tim Diedrich hosting)
	Tuesday, May 04, 2010 - 05:00 PM Jim & Linda's Social Join us for the annual "spring opener" dinner, social, and car show at Jim & Linda's in Pipe, WI; 5:00 social, 7:00 dinner, hosted by Gordon Skog. gord24z@hotmail.com
	Friday, May 14, 2010 - Sunday, May 16, 2010 Vintage races at RA Road America, SVRA Spring Vintage Weekend & Family Tailgate Party.
	Saturday, May 15, 2010 Learn to Drive Stick Learn to Drive Stick seminar - Andrew Opicka hosting. Andrew@Opicka.com
	Sunday, May 16, 2010 FV Road & Track Classic Fox Valley Road and Track Classic
	Friday, May 21, 2010 - Sunday, May 23, 2010 Waterfalls Tour to UP Waterfalls tour to Michigan's UP, Al Curran tourmeister. arcllc@gmail.com
June	Tuesday, June 01, 2010 Kodiak Jack's Social Dinner/social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh, Strublic's hosting. jjstrublic@centurytel.net
	Saturday, June 05, 2010 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Coffee at Bergstrom Porsche Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Nick Proctor/Tim Diedrich hosting.
	Sunday, June 06, 2010 State Parks Tour Free State Parks tour, Jamie & Laura Prellwitz hosting. lprellwitz@att.net
	Saturday, June 12, 2010 Ladies' Only Tour Door County - Lake Michigan Shore, Laura Prellwitz hosting. lprellwitz@att.net
	Thursday, June 17, 2010 - Sunday, June 20, 2010 June Sprints at RA Road America, Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints
	Saturday, June 26, 2010 Keshena Area Rally Rally in Keshena area, Jim Lowey hosting. jimlowey00@frontiernet.com
July	Saturday, July 3, 2010 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Coffee at Bergstrom Porsche Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche 9:00 - 11:00 AM, Laura Prellwitz hosting
	Saturday, July 3, 2010 PCA Parade - St. Charles, Illinois invites you to the 55th Porsche Parade in St. Charles at the Pheasant Run Resort.

FVR Calendar of Events

July	Tuesday, July 6, 2010 Branch River Social Dinner/social at Branch River Country Club, Prellwitz's hosting. lprellwitz@att.net
	Saturday, July 10, 2010 Iola Car Show/Cook-Out Iola Car Show/cook-out at Mark & Barb Wilkinson's in New London. wlksnm@wolfnet.net
	Thursday, July 15, 2010 - Sunday, July 18, 2010 Kohler/Brian Redman at RA Road America Kohler International Challenge with Brian Redman (vintage cars).
	Saturday, July 24, 2010 20th at Trout Springs Winery FVR 20th Anniversary celebration at Trout Springs Winery, hosted by Steve and Andrea DeBaker and Laura Prellwitz. lprellwitz@att.net
August	Tuesday, August 3, 2010 Social Event This social event on east shore of Lake Winnebago will be organized and hosted by Justin Pauly. jepauly@mac.com
	Saturday, August 7, 2010 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Coffee at Bergstrom Porsche Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Nick Proctor/Tim Diedrich hosting)
	Saturday, August 7, 2010 Motor Head Picnic "Motor head" picnic, rally, and music at Bollenbach's in Mountain, MI. Overnight accommodations available. pete@graniteridgekennels.com
	Thursday, August 19, 2010 - Sunday, August 22, 2010 ALMS at RA Road America American Le Mans Series.
September	Saturday, September 4, 2010 - 10:00 AM to 02:00 PM Picnic at Bergstrom Porsche Potluck picnic at Bergstrom Porsche 10:00 - 2:00 PM
	Monday, September 6, 2010 - Labor Day Picnic at Road America Hosted by George Payne 82targa@att.net and Jim & Cindy Janes. porschepj123@yahoo.com
	Thursday, September 9, 2010 - Sunday, September 12, 2010 PCA Escape 2010 to British Columbia, Sun Peaks Resort in British Columbia, hosted by Canada West Region.
	Friday, September 10, 2010 - Sunday, September 12, 2010 VSCDA at RA Road America, Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival.
	Friday, September 17, 2010 - Sunday, September 19, 2010 FVR 2010 Fall Tour Fall Tour to Prairie du Chien/Spring Green area. This premeir Fox Valley Region event will be hosted by Al & Ann Taylor and Warren & Joyce Beaver. ataylor@wctc.net
October	Tuesday, October 5, 2010 Tech Session at AutoClinic Tech session at Gordon's. gord24z@hotmail.com
	Saturday, October 9, 2010 Lap Around the Lake "Lap Around the Lake" (Winnebago) tour hosted by Prellwitz's. lprellwitz@att.net
November	Tuesday, November 2, 2010 Mackinaw's Social Dinner at Mackinaw's hosted by Charlie & Barb Wise. seawise@new.rr.com
December	Saturday, December 11, 2010 Holiday Party Holiday Party -Holiday Inn Neenah - host/hostess needed.

Classifieds

Name Badges Name Badges

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

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

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

Please contact Larry at fvrpca@sbcglobal.net to order yours now. You can have it in time for our upcoming events.

Does your business provide goods or services of interest to Porsche owners?

Your ad here could reach hundreds of Wisconsin Porsche enthusiasts at a very reasonable cost.

Contact the editor to discuss your ad today!

Whaletales editor, Mark Wilkinson
wlknsnm@wolfnet.net

Subject: Best of the Best from the Fox Valley PCA

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

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

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

Laura Prellwitz
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Manitowoc, WI 54220

Looking forward to receiving and reading all your yummy recipes!

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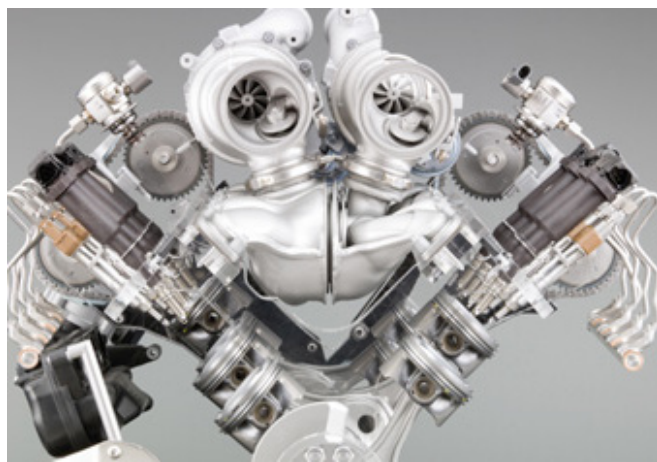
Member Bio: Al Curran



First, a big thanks to everyone for inviting me along on the fall tour even before I became a member! I'll start my story about 25 years ago, when I took a job at Michigan Tech University right out of graduate school. Over the years, a team of us began developing thermal management software for Ford Motor Company as a research project. Our software product, RadTherm, was used to help designers place heat shields to keep critical components from overheating. In 1996, we felt that there was significant commercial potential for our software, so we worked out a royalty deal with Michigan Tech and Ford and left the university to form a private company, ThermoAnalytics. Today, our thermal management software is used by almost every US and European automaker, including Porsche!

My favorite example of how our software is used is the design of the BMW M series V8 engine. The decision to place the turbos inside the "V" was made only after extensive simulation proved that the resulting thermal challenges could be overcome.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Germany approximately twice a year on business (that's a picture of me relaxing in a Munich beer hall - okay, so it's not all business). Anybody who's driven on the Autobahn (probably a lot of you!) could make a good guess as to how I started becoming



interested in Porsches. This past spring, I decided what I really "needed" was a convertible to help me get the most pleasure out of every second of our ultra-short UP summer. I didn't have any particular make or model in mind - so you can imagine how shocked and delighted I was when I found out how affordable used Boxsters were. To make a long story short, a test drive sealed my fate, and I've been grinning behind the wheel ever since (except of course when I had to put it away for the winter).

Because of my location, I probably won't be able to attend as many club events as I would like. One way that I hope to stay connected is to entice as many of you as I can up to the UP for some unique tours. This spring, I would like to invite everyone to join me for a tour of some of the best waterfalls in the UP (or anywhere else for that matter!) More details on the tour can be found in this newsletter. In future years I'm already thinking about an "Anatomy of a Murder" tour in the Marquette area and a lighthouse tour on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Hope to see you on one of these tours or at another FVR PCA event!

Porsche Panamera - Car of The Year

Bloomberg Names The New Porsche Panamera its 2009 Car of The Year 'Sports car for four' is praised for its driving dynamics and comfort

Submitted by Jill Beck.

ATLANTA, Dec. 10, 2009 - Bloomberg News today announced the 2010 Porsche Panamera as its Car of the Year for 2009. This is Bloomberg's first-ever Car of the Year selections, with seven categories in all, including Car of the Year, Green Car, Economy, Family, All-Around SUV, Sports Car and Executive Sedan.

All eligible contenders were evaluated by Bloomberg's weekly auto columnist, Jason H. Harper, who drives and tests hundreds of luxury, sports and alternative-fuel autos each year. The selectees were evaluated in terms of overall performance, intelligent design and smart style, desirability and build quality. To qualify, models must

have been new or significantly revised for model year 2010, and be on sale by the first quarter of 2010.

"The Porsche Panamera has broken the sports-sedan category wide open, producing a truly desirable auto that combines the best elements of a sports car and comfortable four-door," Harper said. "Fast and fun, the Panamera is a car with real appeal."

Porsche's first four-door car and the company's fourth model line went on sale in October, joining the company's successful stable of performance thoroughbreds: the mid-engine Boxster and Cayman, the Cayenne SUV and the iconic 911 Carrera.



Porsche Panamera - Car of The Year

The Bloomberg recognition comes on the heels of the Panamera receiving an Edmunds Inside Line Editors' Most Wanted 2010 trophy at the 2009 Los Angeles Auto Show.

All Three Panamera Models Deliver High Performance and Low Fuel Consumption Initially offered in three versions - the 400-horsepower, two-wheel drive Panamera S and all-wheel drive Panamera 4S, and the 500-horsepower, twin-turbocharged, all-wheel drive Panamera Turbo - the new Panamera provides Porsche performance and quality, as well as a level of comfort absent among true high-performance cars.

The Panamera is the first premium car to feature an automatic engine start/stop system used in conjunction with seven-speed double-clutch transmission. This system saves fuel and reduces emissions by turning the engine off when it is not needed, such as sitting at a stop

light. All engines have advanced and fuel-efficient Direct Fuel Injection (DFI), as well. Porsche engineers also focused on weight savings and lightweight technologies to further enhance fuel efficiency. As a result, the Panamera S and Panamera 4S deliver 16 mpg city/24 mpg highway (19 mpg combined), while the Panamera Turbo achieves 15 mpg city/23 mpg highway (18 mpg combined). Amazingly, these figures were achieved without activating the standard auto start/stop system. All Panamera models are not subject to the gas guzzler tax and provide the best fuel economy in their competitive set.

The manufacturer suggested retail price (MSRP) for the Panamera S is \$89,800, while the Panamera 4S and Panamera Turbo retails for \$93,800 and \$132,600, respectively.

FVR Library Update

Your FVR PCA Librarian is proud to announce the 225th item to have been added to our free lending library since it's creation in March of 1997. The latest books are a 3 volume, 1500 plus page, authoritative study of the history of Porsche technical, motoring, and biography. It was requested by President Andrew after he saw the review in Nov. 2009 Panorama magazine. The difficult to obtain collection was a bit expensive, but our new friends at David Bull Publishing offered us a substantial discount. Please take the time to preview this selection at <http://www.bullpublishing.com/shop/item.asp?itemid=121>. They have this and many other unusual motoring selections. They have been kind in offering this discount to us, so please patronize them.

The available media is always kept in our own FVR PCA tool closet at The Auto Clinic in Neenah in their waiting

room (see Gordon's advertising in this issue). Many of the titles are freshly published and are side by side with some that have been out of circulation for many years. The process is simple, and you learned it in grade school. It's always free with a simple signature on the card kept in the book jacket, deposit the card in the white plastic index card box, & keep the resources as long as you need to. To return it, pull the card out of the white box and replace the card into the book jacket. The titles are numbered on the spine, so put it back in order please. It's an "all on your honor" system that has not failed us.

There is not a single title unaccounted for in all these many years!

Jimmy Haen

VW-Porsche Acquisition News

News regarding the Volkswagen AG acquisition of Porsche AG has been a common sight this year. To better understand how this may affect Porsche, from a business perspective and from an enthusiasts view I have developed a better understanding through some historical research as well. The Porsche family and Volkswagen have by no means been strangers; in the 1930's when Ferdinand Porsche's independent automobile design company, the Porsche Büro was providing automobile manufacturers with design services, the people's car was born; although the Volkswagen company name did not exist until after 1945. Post war Europe was not seen as a likely success story for auto manufacturing, in fact US automaker Ford turned down an offer to take over Volkswagen at the time.

Volkswagen-Porsche collaboration on projects in the ensuing years was common, as when Ferry Porsche entered into a contract with Heinz Nordhoff, then the General Manager of Volkswagen stipulating that the Volkswagen plant would supply the parts required for production of the 356 sports car series. In addition the cars produced by the company would to be sold through the VW sales network, and be serviced by their service organization. In return, the Porsche Büro, having had several decades of professional experience in automobile design engineering services before embarking on production of their own automobile, continued to provide design engineering services for VW.

Twenty years later the relationship between VW and Porsche was still strong, with Porsche still handling a majority of the VW developmental work. Ferry Porsche and Nordhoff entered into agreement to develop a new car of common interest, applying VW's expertise in volume production and Porsche's talent in engineering sports cars. The mid-engine two-seater 914, designed around VW components by Porsche filled both companies' needs at the time, as Porsche was looking for a replacement for their entry-level 912, and Volkswagen wanted a new range-topping sports coupe to replace the Karmann Ghia.

In April of 1968, less than two months after the first 914 had rolled off the assembly line, Nordhoff, then the Chairman of VW passed away. Kurt Lotz had been scheduled to take over as chairman of VW on Nordhoff's planned retirement in October of that year. Lotz, who took over as chairman immediately was of the opinion that VW had all rights to the 914 unless Porsche would pay

for the tooling; verbal agreements between Nordhoff and Porsche notwithstanding. This significantly impacted the price and marketing structure, contributing to poor sales of the 914/6 as its price was nearly that of the 911T. The 914/6 was discontinued in 1972, with only 3,351 having been produced. The 914/4 did of course fair much better, with 115,646 produced over a seven year model run.

Moving on to recent developments, Volkswagen AG announced early in December 2009 that it has now acquired the milestone target of a 49.9% stake in Porsche AG. "the stake in Porsche AG represents the next milestone on the way towards the integrated automotive group with Porsche under the leadership of Volkswagen," the automaker said in a statement. "With a return on sales of 10.3 percent, Porsche AG is the world's most profitable automobile manufacturer" As a result, the annual operating profit of the VW Group is expected to increase by some €700 million in the long term."

In addition to acquiring automaker Porsche AG, Volkswagen will take over the trading business of Porsche Holding Salzburg, the giant Salzburg-based vehicle distribution company controlled by the Piech and Porsche families. With that strategic acquisition, VW will take ownership of Europe's largest dealer group by 2011, from the Piechs and Porsches for about €3 billion. The goal is to bundle VW's own sales operations with the retail activities of Porsche Holding Salzburg. "Our Porsche colleagues have proven their high retail competency again and again," said VW finance chief Hans Dieter Poetsch.

In their annual report for 2008/2009, Porsche AG states objectives to be achieved as an "integrated automotive group" under Volkswagen control will include intensified cooperation, citing the more recent Cayenne development paralleling the VW Touareg and Audi Q7, and continued efforts with the Panamera and hybrid drive systems. VW indicates the merger less about "leveling cultures" than maintaining strong independent brands such as others marques in the VW group like Audi, Lamborghini, Bentley, Bugatti, SEAT, and Škoda.

Perhaps more importantly to the enthusiast, a pledge to not sacrifice the independence of Porsche in the evolution toward an integrated automotive group is made clear, in addition to acknowledgement of the criticality of "producing innovative sports cars that win the hearts of even the most discerning customers."

Club Meeting Minutes

December 2009 Board Meeting Notes

Your FVR officers met immediately prior to the 2009 Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. The following notes were recorded by FVR secretary Mary Haen on the club business discussed at the meeting.

1. Laura opened the meeting with a discussion of Election of Board members, and thanked all for their outstanding help in the success of our region.
2. Our great looking 20th anniversary shirts will be produced with Nick in charge sometime in June. Nick Proctor will require that most of the shirt orders will be prepaid orders with only a limited number of extras so be sure to RSVP yours!
3. Jim Stephenson is hosting the Bus Trip to the Chicago Auto Show on Feb 20. This has been well attended in the past, so RSVP early. Sounds like we've got a rather deluxe motor coach and nice dinners planned. (Laura says there will even be room for coolers!) Contact Jim for bus reservations and info on on-line admission ticket info.
4. President Andrew Opicka will be working on details about Porsche Parade in Chicago. For you newer folks, Parade is basically the National Porsche convention and it's going to be held in our backyard. More info to come.
5. We welcomed Mark Wilkinson, our brand new newsletter editor, to the board. Laura praised the quality and quantity of work he has done for us already!
6. Al Taylor, our illustrious Webmeister will be migrating our website to design that will allow all of us a more user friendly interface as well as removing the majority of password protected areas. He also proposed the use of Photobucket to link our site seamlessly to our photo site to quickly and easily share our memories. A Library list will be added shortly. He also shared a glimpse of the Fall Tour.
7. The calendar is pretty full this year already, so your participation is all that's needed. Be sure to be courteous and RSVP early and accurately for events!
8. Jim Haen, librarian, will pursue Andrew's observation of new Porsche archival book set "The complete Porsche" as advertised in Road & Track. He will also provide Al with an updated library media list to eventually post on the website.
9. Larry Rogers, our treasurer, paid bills and reported on our financial good health.
10. As mentioned in the President's report, Silent auction brought in approx \$1579 for our charities. Larry also received \$720 from members for party expenses.

Submitted by Mary Haen
December 16, 2009

Holiday Party - December 12

Thanks to this year's planning committee composed of Al & Ann Taylor, Andrew & Elise Opicka, Barb Wise, Debbie Houle & Gordon Skog, Bill Chapman, Nick Proctor, and Jamie & Laura Prellwitz, the Fox Valley Region PCA had its best holiday party, with the highest attendance ever of 60 members.

Debbie Houle greeted attendees with photo ID necklaces using pictures of members with their cars from events they attended during the 2009 driving season. She and Gordon created each personalized ID badge. Members proudly wore them throughout the evening. It was also announced the Gordon and Debbie are now engaged! Congratulations to both of them. We wish you much happiness together for the rest of your lives.

Andrew & Elise Opicka presented each member/couple with an etched glass ornament, designed by Andrew, on behalf of the FVR. The ornaments were in a diamond shape with the Fox Valley Region logo on it and the year 2009. Some members also received a round etched glass ornament with the PCA logo on it. Andrew compiled a video memory book from the hundreds of photos that were taken this year, and also had Porsche videos projected. Both video displays ran simultaneously and created an exciting ambiance. It was obvious from members' reactions that they enjoyed the pictorial review of all the fun times we'd had this past year. It was also a

terrific means to acquaint the many new members at the party with the kinds of activities and camaraderie we have in the FVR.

Barb Wise presented each member/couple with a beautiful Christmas ornament she hand made with a PCA logo on it, in a hand made gift bag. This was very much a labor of love, and Barb's thoughtfulness showed in each ornament.

Ann Taylor had specially made chocolates from Powers Gourmet for each member. "Pastor Al" gave the blessing prior to the meal. Al & Ann were of great assistance in gathering the silent auction bidding slips at the conclusion of the evening, and in distributing the items to the winners. They did a lot of running about the room!

Bill Chapman was the designated photographer for the evening, with some assistance from Jamie Prellwitz. Nick Proctor presented three awards to two members, and "modeled" the 20th anniversary t-shirts that will be available for order and purchasing in late spring. Laura Prellwitz was general hostess, Porsche People Bingo coordinator, and emcee for the evening.

The board of directors met briefly prior to the party. Please see Secretary Mary Haen's notes for a summary of those discussions. Social time with appetizers was



2010 Fox Valley Region Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk on Saturday, December 12, 2009

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from 5 - 7:00 PM and many members participated in the Porsche People Bingo game as a means to introduce themselves to each other, or to get to know each other. By participating, members also earned additional tickets to enter in the door prize drawing which was a free night's stay and breakfast for two at the Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, where the party was held. Joe Homel was later the selected winner.



Jim & Cindy Janes - Labor Day Picnic hosts and the 2011 Fall Tour tourmeisters

The ballroom was decked out with holiday decorations creating a very festive holiday atmosphere. Tables around the perimeter of the room quickly filled with items for the silent auction, and the bidding on some items was fierce. As in previous years, we had a wide variety of items up for auction, with something that would be of interest to everyone. Dinner was a delicious Italian buffet with salad, garlic bread, three different pasta dishes, beverage and dessert. Everything was fresh and tasty!



Pat and Larry Rogers

Following the dinner, Laura introduced the 2010 board of directors and thanked outgoing member, Herb Velazquez, for all of his work as newsletter editor for the past 1.5 years. She presented Mark Wilkinson with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his work in re-scanning and locating the past 20 years' of Whaletales, and his work with the Region of the Year proposal. Nick Proctor also received a special certificate of appreciation from Laura for all of his work, generosity, and support the past two years as Vice-President and dealership liaison. Laura previewed the 2010 calendar of events having the hosts of those events that were attendance give a synopsis of their activity. We will have a very full calendar again next year.



Ann Taylor and Mary Niemiec

Al Taylor then presented Laura with a special gift (from Gordon Skog); a coffee mug with a "pasty" and a recipe for making them. This was quite humorous as it referred back to the fall tour and some confusion that existed with "pasties" and "pastys".



Linda Russo, Dennis Olson, and Greg Russo

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Barb Wise took the podium next and asked all the women who had participated in the Ladies' Only tour to please also come forward, along with Laura. Barb presented Laura with a special card and an elegant lighthouse figurine. Laura has a love of lighthouses and collects them. The annual Door County Lighthouse Festival will occur the same time as the Ladies' tour. It was requested that the 2010 tour include a stop at a Door County lighthouse. Laura assured the women that would definitely be part of the route next June.



Elise Opicka and Pam Kuck

Nick Proctor presented the Enthusiast of the Year award to Al Taylor, our region's webmaster and 2010 fall tour co-meister. Congratulations to Al. He continues to work with and upgrade our website regularly.



Jim Stephenson and Larry Rogers playing People Bingo

Nick then presented a newly created, "Grand Achievement Award" to both Jamie and Laura Prellwitz

for their years of service and dedication to the club. It is a elegantly engraved Herman Miller clock with plaque. To wrap up the awards ceremony, Nick then presented Laura with the "Member of the Year" award for the second consecutive year.

The silent auction was extended to 9:30 PM and bidding was precisely closed. Thanks again to Paul Ellsworth of Bergstrom Porsche for the large, three paneled banner of the Carrera S. Gordon Skog had the winning bid of \$120. The total of funds raised for charity via the silent auction was \$1,579. Thank you to Larry Rogers for taking care of the financial end of the auction. He had a lot to organize and sort!



New Members (and newlyweds) Mike and Angela Woody

The party concluded at approximately 10:30. Several attendees continued the festivities at the hotel's "other" gathering place, The Fan Club, where more friendships made.

Special thanks to Jamie Prellwitz for the photos on pages 16 through 18, and Bill Chapman for the photos on page 19.

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FVR 20th Anniversary Celebration July 24

Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 24, 2010
Trout Springs Winery
8150 River Road
Greenleaf, WI
www.troutspringswinery.com

Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker and Laura Prellwitz
Please join us for a day of fine wine tasting, food, music, Bocce ball, door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction for charity.

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

The celebration begins at 1:00 PM
Potluck dinner later afternoon (please bring a dish to share)

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

RSVP's are required no later than July 17, 2010
to Laura Prellwitz at lprellwitz@att.net

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

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



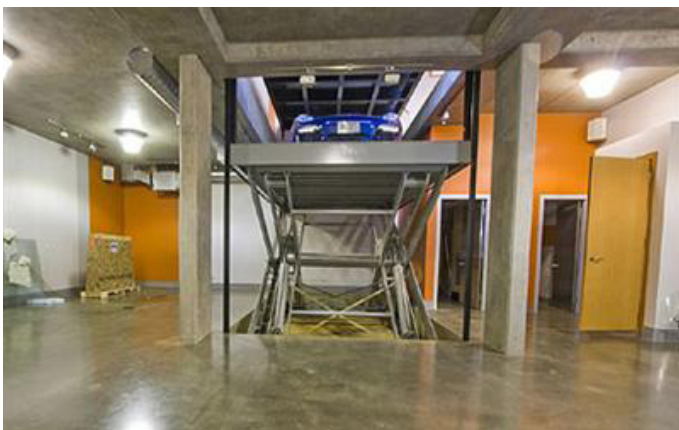
Porsche Man-Caves

This Porsche garage is a literal man-cave!

Homeowner Mike Miller in Oak Bay, British Columbia has taken the concept of building a man-cave garage for his Porsche quite literally, by tunneling out a 2,500 square foot vault for his car collection that includes a Porsche 356B roadster, Ferrari Dino and a Mercedes-Benz 280SL.

It seems that as he was in the process of designing his home in Oak Bay the lot just did not offer enough space for a traditional above ground garage, at least not one that provided enough space to store his collection in a fitting environment. When Miller researched his predicament, he found that below grade structures were not bound by property set back rules. The end result was a 2,500 square foot man-cave, enough parking space for several of Miller's vehicles.

The underground garage is accessible by a custom built hydraulic elevator. The man-cave is hidden when the elevator is down, as the underground garage roof is also the floor of a conventional attached garage at ground level. In true man-cave resident form, Miller, in explaining the need for such an elaborate garage, simply says "I'm a guy."



See <http://abstractdevelopments.com> for more information on this truly interesting home.

Preparing Your Porsche for Winter Storage

1. Set the date. Easier said than done, Wisconsin weather is fickle enough to tease us with mild days late in the fall while snow, and its dastardly companion road salt can be just days away.
2. Wash and clean, inside and out. Well, if you didn't do this already I sure hope you have a nice warm place to do it.
3. Gas it up and include a fuel additive like STA-BIL, done right this will insure that starting the engine back up after storage will much less stressful for you and the vehicle.
4. Fill your tires to the maximum pressure allowed by your tire; or, use a set of tire cradles that are shaped to the tire and help to prevent flat spots without the need to over inflate. "Just say no" to jack stands supporting the vehicle frame—suspension components are best left in their normal, compressed state for a variety of reasons.
5. For those of you pumping more water than oil through the pipes, be sure to verify adequate strength for protection against freezing and top off your anti-freeze.
6. Maintain your battery's health. I've used a Deltran Battery Tender Plus for several years on my seasonal equipment and have had excellent results with battery life in challenging environments, the current street price of \$41.50 for a single unit is well worth it in my opinion.
7. Put the car in gear or park but do not apply the parking brake.
8. You might consider placing some type of reusable desiccant in the car if your garage is not climate controlled.
9. Got mice? Effective rodent control may prevent electrical faults becoming evident early in the driving season, mice seem to love burrowing and nesting up behind the battery box - given the uncontrolled opportunity to wreak havoc they may just do that, stripping away insulation from the vehicle's wiring in the process.
10. Cover it. They will range in price, and generally inexpensive covers will be suitable for indoor use only, midrange prices will provide softer surface contact to better protect painted surfaces, while high end covers will provide protection suitable for outdoor use.
11. Call your insurance company and inquire about potential cost savings for reducing coverage to the minimum.
12. Check the FVR calendar of events so you can meet with your fellow Porsche owners and make plans for the upcoming driving season, and getting your well-cared for Porsche back on the road.



Porsche News Bits

Porsche Drops Deal, Magna Seeks €400 Million Compensation

VIENNA - November 26, 2009

Magna International reportedly is seeking at least €400 million in compensation from sports car maker Porsche for cancelling a contract. Austrian newspaper WirtschaftsBlatt quoted an "involved person" as saying that the compensation was for development work already done by Magna, which was due to assemble Porsche's Boxster and Cayman models from 2012 in its Austrian factory. Both Porsche and Magna declined comment, however sources reported that Porsche seeks to cancel the deal awarded to Magna last year for an eight-year contract.

Porsche Sales up 18% in November

NEW YORK - Dec 1, 2009

Porsche Cars North America Inc. reported that its November sales increased 18 percent compared to the same month last year on stronger sales of its Cayman model. Sales in the U.S. were 1,626 in November, compared with 1,378 in the same month last year. However, sales dropped overall to 17,578 in the first 11 months of the year, compared with 23,881 for the same period in 2008.

Porsche Hybrid Developments

LOS ANGELES - December 4, 2009

Porsche brought the latest prototype of the Cayenne S Hybrid to the Los Angeles Auto Show, indicating that it will be available within the next year. Porsche expects to see the current 3% of auto sales in the hybrid segment increasing, and wants a piece of the action.

"Hybrids are a small but growing segment of the automotive market and we believe there's room for a Porsche hybrid," said Detlev von Platen, president and CEO of Porsche North America. The expectation is to achieve 25% better fuel mileage than the gasoline Cayenne S, which gets 13 MPG in town and 19 MPG on the highway. Porsche intends to use electric power steering, brake vacuum, air conditioning and transmission oil pumps to further increase fuel efficiency. "Our engineers are already working on a hybrid Panamera," von Platen said.

Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East

DUBAI, UAE - December 11, 2009

The 12-round series made its debut at Bahrain International Circuit December 11-12 in the first of six big race weekends, with races scheduled over the next four months at Abu Dhabi's spectacular new Yas Marina Circuit and the Reem International Circuit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Designed to identify top Arab and local-based talent in the Middle East and become a platform for entry into the world of international GT and sports car racing, the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East is a new regional version of the GT3 Cup one-make series already running with huge success in Brazil, New Zealand and the US.

"Like its counterparts in Brazil, New Zealand and America, the new GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East series will be run at the same very high technical level as the Porsche Carrera Cup series which has been staged so successfully worldwide over the last 16 years," said Walter Lechner, who has managed many Porsche racing teams. "Competitors in a one-make series all drive identical, equally well-prepared racing versions of production cars. The main benefits are that costs are minimized, making the sport more accessible, while the emphasis is on driver skill, with no driver having the advantage of a faster, superior vehicle.

The 10,000th Panamera

10,000th Panamera leaves the Leipzig plant

Submitted by Jill Beck.

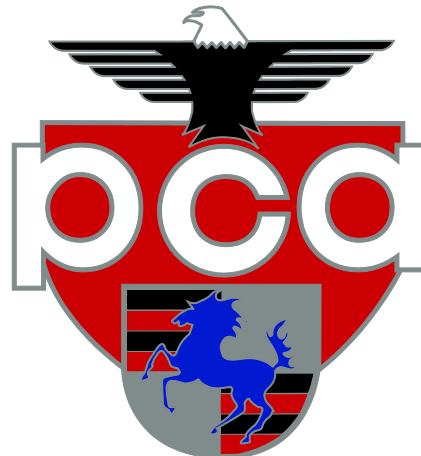


Just three months after the new Panamera went on sale the 10,000th car rolled off the production line at the Leipzig plant of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart. The 500 HP platinum silver metallic Panamera Turbo will be delivered to a customer in Singapore.

Michael Macht, Chairman of the Board of Porsche AG: “Sales of the Panamera have really taken off: we have already secured over 9,000 orders. Shortly after it was launched our Gran Turismo won the coveted “Goldenes Lenkrad” [“Golden steering wheel”] and “Auto Trophy” awards in Germany. It has also won many international prizes.” The Panamera 4S is proving particularly popular and has a share of 44 percent - putting it ahead of the Turbo (36 percent) and the Panamera S (20 percent).

The company plans to build 20,000 Panamera per year across the whole product cycle. The fourth Porsche model series is being manufactured at the Leipzig plant in the so-called model mix, sharing a production line with the Cayenne SUV. The innovative, highly streamlined production is seen as a model of technological and economic excellence for the automobile industry worldwide.

Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicle(s)	Member Since
Warren & Joyce Beaver	Nekoosa, WI	1998 Boxster	2000
Roy & Darlene Geigel	Manitowoc, WI	1982 911	1996
George & Kathy Graphos	Green Bay, WI	2008 Cayman S	2007
Charles & Debra Johnson	DePere, WI	1995 993	2004
John & Sherry Lazar	Custer, WI	1975 914, 1977 912	2000
Daniel & Barbara Pankratz	Manitowoc, WI	1967 912, 1963 356	1968
Harvey & Vickie Poling	Kewaunee, WI	1970 914, 2008 Boxster RS	1986
Tom & Kathy Robl	Oshkosh, WI	2007 Cayman, 1990 944S2	1993
Stan Stout and son, Michael	Scandinavia, WI	1987 911	2004

Transfer Members

Name	Location	Vehicle(s)	Member Since
Jim & Mary Niemiec	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	2001 911	2009
Ilan Shapiro	Appleton, WI	2001 Boxster S	2009

Membership Milestones

FVR gained these **thirty-two new members** (+ family members) in 2009!

New Members

Name	Location	Vehicle(s)
Tim & Renny Diedrich	Appleton, WI	1996 911
Abe Winstin	De Pere, WI	1988 911
Jim & Marlies Lowey	Keshena, WI	1985 Carrera
Steve & Heidi Petrovich	Menasha, WI	2009 911CS
William & Patti Schnettler	Neenah, WI	2007 911
Bill Chapman	Two Rivers, WI	2006 Boxster S
Jerome & Kimberly Gonja	Greenville, WI	2003 Boxster S
Wayne Trembly	Oshkosh, WI	1999 911
Jeffrey & Kimberly Vogt	Oneida, WI	2000 996
Mark & Barb Wilkinson	New London, WI	2002 Boxster
Al Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster
Mitch & Barb Eastman	Green Bay, WI	2001 911
Roberta (Bobbi) Vandeveld and daughter, Carol Eis	Green Bay, WI	1974 914
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2010 GT3
Jim & Evie Rossol	Baileys Harbor, WI	2002 911
Kristi Sell	Appleton, WI	1996 911
Ilan Shapiro	Appleton, WI	2001 Boxster S
Pete & Kathie Bollenbach	Mountain, WI	1968 912
Steven Smith	Green Bay, WI	2008 Cayman S
Robb Tollefson	DePere, WI	2002 911
Tim & Barbara Kuhn	Hortonville, WI	1988 911
Joshua Skog & Pamela Pelot	Neenah, WI	1963 356B
Doug Todd	Wausau, WI	1975 914
Rollie & Janet Nail	Oshkosh, WI	1985 911
Rieck & Noemi Beiersdorf	Plymouth, WI	2009 911
David & Denise Johnson	Suamico, WI	1999 996
Dennis & Heidi Kepchar	Wausau, WI	2001 Boxster, 2004 Cayenne
Peter & Donna Smart	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	1975 914
Jim & Mary Niemiec	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	2001 911
Carl & Nancy Maiers-Knox	Appleton, WI	1988 944T
Jeff & Kai Brouchoud	Appleton, WI	1987 924S
Robert & Susan Dean	Green Bay, WI	1999 Boxster

From the Editor

The Learning Curve

When first contemplating volunteering to become the editor of Whaletales, back before the realities of just what doing that entails would set in, one of the tasks I thought would be so much fun was choosing a title for my monthly column. After all, that is pretty much all the editor has to do, besides pick and choose from materials submitted for insertion into the newsletter. Before my credibility suffers the FVR membership dismissing me as a complete fool, trust me in saying I knew it wasn't going to be that easy.



Challenging is a very good adjective to describe the process of preparing the newsletter, as the effort required is somewhat demanding. Much of that is due to my being on the steep end of the leaning curve on many fronts, such as learning new software, understanding many aspects of the Fox Valley Region club, and the Porsche Club of America recommendations on newsletter content, structure, and design. That is certainly not meant to express discontent, because as are most things we do in life that require us to move beyond our comfort zone, thus far it has been a stimulating and rewarding experience.

When reading the FVR bylaws the duties of newsletter editor are spelled out rather clearly, that being to prepare the monthly newsletter and to "inform and educate the membership on the activities of the FVR-PCA". The Porsche Club of America view is that regional newsletters are important because they provide a local view of events and news about region members in addition to Porsche related news, therefore local newsletters promote member participation, excitement, and as a consequence; improved member retention. Well, having gotten a better picture of what this challenge is all about "The Learning Curve" seems to be fitting, after all, just like spirited driving of a Porsche on a demanding stretch of road—setting up a proper line through the curves is what makes it fun.

Speaking of newsletters and editing, we can all be thankful to Herb Velazquez for the amazing job he has done as newsletter editor. Did that December issue of Whaletales raise that bar, or what? You have done a great job Herb, and have proven to be a tough act to follow!

The Fox Valley Region calendar of events for 2010 that has been included in this issue covers two full pages. With FVR hosted events already planned for every month of the year and activities taking place in many different locations, do be sure to check your calendars and make plans to attend several of these events.

The annual meeting, being held at Victoria's Italian Cuisine in Appleton on Tuesday, January 5th hosted by Larry and Pat Rogers, Movie night at the SC Grand Theatre in DePere on Friday February 5th hosted by Andrew Opicka, and the 2010 Chicago Auto show bus Tour hosted by Jim Stephenson are all highlighted in this months upcoming events pages. Included on those pages you will find essential facts on events planned for the next few months, including the what, when, and where as well as the ever-important RSVP deadline and contact information.

A number of potential articles are in the works, including reporting on in progress restoration work being done by fellow members on their Porsches. So that articles of interest can be prepared for the coming months, please do offer your ideas and contributions on Porsche related news, or any topics that you believe will be of interest to other FVR members.

Happy Holidays!

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

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

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