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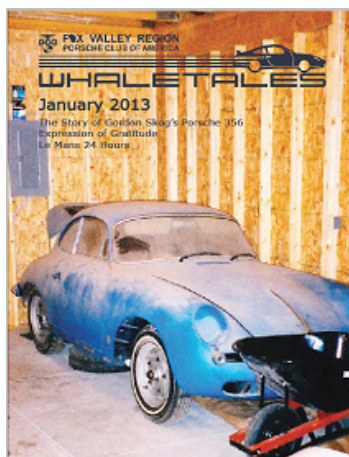
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On the cover

Gordon Skog begins his series on his 356 restoration project in this issue. This month's cover shot shows the starting condition of his 356, just after he brought it home, (Photo by Gordon Skog)



From The President

Another year has passed and all too quickly. As they say, the years go by faster as we age. Our club's 2012 Holiday Party was another success, and I would like to say thanks to all of the board members who helped put it together. As I was planning and giving the nerve racking speeches for that evening, I became more aware of all the support and help that I had received this past year, the first year of my presidency. This support came big and small, from the pat on the back, the gentle reminders, all the volunteering and hosting of club events, the helping hands and the kind words of support. All was a tremendous help for me personally and I would like to say Thank You to all.

As I sit back and reminisce on the past year, the one thing that sticks in my mind is that it takes the group as a whole to make it successful, it takes a team to win, and no man is an island; all these clichés holds true to our club's success. So with a new year starting, let's all think about this, and maybe step up to host an event or attend some of this year's events or even volunteer to one of the many important board member positions. All three suggestions are vital for our clubs survival, all three suggestions would be welcomed no matter how small or large you think it may be, and all three suggestions are important to keep things fresh with new thoughts and ideas. So let's make this year the year, to make things happen. Happy Holidays and a Happy and Successful New Year to all our members.

Sincerely Proud to Be Your President,

Gordon Skog



FVR Calendar of Events

January	Thursday, January 3, 2013 "LeMans" at Barlow Planetarium at UW-Fox Valley. Sponsored by P and B Motorsports & The Auto Clinic of Neenah, see ad in this newsletter for details.
February	
March	Saturday, March 23, 2013 Spring Tech Session at Al & Ann Taylor's in Nekoosa, WI. Al will be performing a clutch install in his 924. ataylor@wctc.net
April	Tuesday, April 2, 2013 Dinner/social at the Lorelei Inn in Green Bay, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz. lprellwitz@att.net
May	Saturday, May 18 - Sunday, May 19, 2013 Waterfalls tour to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's UP, hosted by Al Curran. arcllc@gmail.com
June	Saturday, June 8, 2013 Ladies' Only Tour to Washington Island, more details yet to come! Hosted by Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net
	Sunday, June 23 - Saturday, June 29, 2013 2013 Porsche Parade, Traverse City, MI Grand Traverse Resort
July	Saturday, July 13, 2013 Iola Old Car Show (Ford versus Chevy: Showdown in I-town.) tubing, and roast beef dinner, hosted by Barb & Mark Wilkinson. mark.wilkinson@charter.net
August	
September	Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22, 2013 Fall Tour to Minoqua, WI area, hosted by Bob and Carol Burress & Greg and Mary Rigoni - more details yet to come on this event!
October	Tuesday, October 1, 2013 Fall tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog. gord240z@live.com
November	
December	

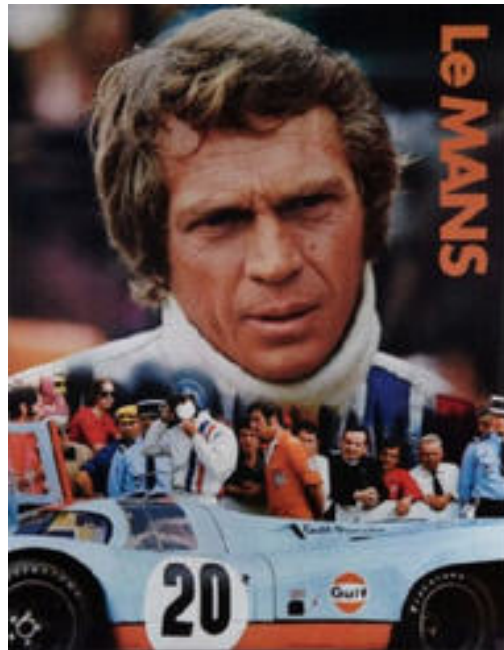
January 3: LeMans at Barlow Planetarium

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**Thursday Evening, January 3, 2013
7:00 PM**

Barlow Planetarium at UW-Fox Valley
1478 Midway Road, Menasha

Seating limited to 1st 98 people who respond to Jim at james.perry@uwc.edu
Seats are **free** but reserved and assigned in **order of receipt!**

March 23: Spring Tech Session @ Taylor's

Spring Tech Session



Can you tell by the picture above which car needs a new clutch?

(Hint) It is a red one!

Please join my wife Ann and myself for a Spring Tech Session at our house on March 23, 2013.

The tech session will cover the process of changing a clutch on a Porsche 924. The weather prediction for that day is bright and comfortable, inside our shop.

While we are turning wrenches on the car, the ladies will be creating tied, fleece blankets which will be donated to a charitable organization in Wisconsin Rapids. Ladies, please bring your favorite pair of scissors. We will supply the material to create the blankets, we just need your scissors and talent.

We are planning a pot luck style lunch. We will supply the meat and beverages, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass.

Please RSVP by March 9, 2013 so that we can plan accordingly. ataylor@wctc.net or 715-325-2250

1406 Alpine Drive, Nekoosa, WI 54457

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. Come with us for a great day of driving, fun, laughter, fellowship, shopping, and scenery!

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.

Costs and options: The 2012 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. Every 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>

We will have pizzas delivered from a local pizzeria to the lobby of the hotel for evening supper. Everyone is invited to join with us, whether you are staying at the hotel or not. You are welcome to return home at your leisure on Saturday night, or if you're staying at the hotel, depart at a time of your choosing Sunday morning.

I am excited to have you join us on this unique tour! If you have any questions, please e-mail me at lprellwitz@att.net or call 920-242-1644.

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The Story of Gordon Skog's Porsche 356

Source - Gordon Skog

Part One; The Find

It was the Summer of 2003, I was finishing off a busy day at work and received a phone call from a lady asking me to do an appraisal of a Porsche she had sitting in her garage at home that she was going to sell. At first it was a confusing phone call as she was explaining that she had been referred to me from some other shops and people, that I was the expert in the area on Porsche. Of course we all know better. I remember thinking, Lady I just fix them; I have no idea of putting a price value on them. As I started trying to explain to her that I was not her man for this job and I was too busy and didn't have time for this. An overwhelming feeling came over me that I should take the time to pursue this. So somehow the next words that came out of my mouth were, I would come out and look at it, but it would have to be right then and there, as I was leaving for a trip to Lower Michigan the next day. She agreed and we made arrangements to meet at her home right away. As I was pulling out on the street in front of Auto Clinic, I see my oldest son Joshua driving to the shop. I'm thinking this might be a nice Father/Son thing to do together, so I call him up on the cell phone and asked if he would like to come along, he agreed, so I turned around and picked him up and away we went. As we traveled along we discussed what we imagined we would see once we got there, would it be a rare 911, or a beat up, too far gone Porsche. And what kind of price? Would she think that the car would be worth twice the value or would she have it bargain priced. I'm thinking the trip is going to be a waste of time, energy and money.



Gordon's natural instinct for Porsche led him to find this 356 (Skog photo)

The Story of Gordon Skog's Porsche 356

As we pulled into her driveway in a modest subdivision in Oshkosh, she met Joshua and I in the driveway. When she opened the garage door where the Porsche was, we could not believe what we saw. There across the front of the garage sat a dusty old, blue 1963 Porsche 356, with the driver's door dented in, from her aging father parking the family car into the garage one day and misjudging his stop. There the car sat, with the engine sitting on a pallet, disassembled and in pieces, the trim, seats and some interior parts up in the attic and basement of her house. As my son and I investigated the car, she explained that she and her husband purchased the car in Texas and had driven the car while living there. They then moved to Wisconsin and shortly thereafter he decided to restore the car. So in 1973 he started to disassemble the car to the point as we were seeing it and passed away. She had held onto the car, thinking that one of their children would want to keep the car and finish the restoration project. As it turned out the children were not interested in it and she decided to sell it.

Joshua and I left that day, giving her an idea of the value of the car, which was what she had thought and was told by others. I told her that I would be interested in the car and would let her know in the next couple of days. We made for arrangements to re-inspect with a friend that weekend as I was traveling; Joshua and our friend inspected the car that weekend. I could see from the first inspection, that Joshua wanted that car for himself, so I agreed that if he wanted to buy it, he could, otherwise I was buying it. As it turned out, Joshua came up with the money the following week and finalized the purchase. Within days we cleaned out her attics and garage and had the car tucked away at my home garage safe and sound. Thinking back on this whole ordeal, this is as close to a barn-find as one gets.



A restoration project gets a new lease on life (Skog photo)

Expression of Gratitude

**Danke Arigato Merci Grazie Gracias Tack Toda
Kiitos Efharisto Dziekuje Obrigado**

As we begin a new year, I want to sincerely express my thanks and deep appreciation to those members who took a leadership role to plan and/or host an event for our club in 2012. Many of you have done so for consecutive years as well. Without YOU, our region would only exist on paper. We had a year filled with a wide variety of activities, distributed throughout a large geographical area. Because of YOU, our region is the fun and exciting club that it is; prompting current PCA members to transfer to our region, and to motivate Porsche owners to join the FVR-PCA. For all that YOU have done, and continue to do,
THANK YOU.

Larry & Pat Rogers – hosted a dinner in January and August. Larry has also been a long-time Board member as our treasurer and past-President.

John & Elizabeth Beck – coordinated and organized the all-day bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show and German dinner after the show.

Jim & Lisa Stephenson – hosted new member dinner in February.

Gordon Skog – in addition to being President, hosted two tech sessions, the Labor Day picnic at Road America, and the holiday dinner.

Andrew Opicka – in addition to being Vice- President and past-President, coordinated e-mails and communications, assisted hosting the Labor Day picnic at Road America, and provided the slide show at the holiday party.

Jamie & Laura Prellwitz – hosted a dinner in April, social at their home, the fall tour, and wrote articles for Panorama magazine.

Al & Pat Utecht – hosted the annual spring opener dinner at Jim & Linda's Supper Club in May.

Nick Proctor – hosts the doughnuts and coffee for several months each spring and summer at Bergstrom. Additionally, he works tirelessly to keep great communications with our local dealership.

John & Jeanne Strublic – hosted the June dinner at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh for the fourth consecutive year.

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Greg & Mary Rigoni – hosted the spring weekend waterfall tour and are part of the 2013 fall tour planning team.

Bob & Carol Burress – prior to officially transferring their membership to the FVR, volunteered to be the other members of the 2013 fall tour planning team.

Mark & Barb Wilkinson – for three years' running, hosting the Iola car show, tubing, and potluck event at their home. Additionally, Mark has been our amazing newsletter editor for four years. He is truly the "glue that keeps us all together!" Thanks for all the photos you take to add to the visual interest of the publication as well.

Jim & Mary Haen – LONG time Board members, and the creators/publishers of the "Appreciation" plaques to our hosts and supporters. Mary has also been part of the special "treats" at our holiday parties.

Charlie & Barb Wise – have hosted the November dinner at Mackinaw's in Green Bay for four consecutive years.

Pat Quinn – for being a most generous co-host with the Wise's for the dinner at Mackinaw's. Pat is always very thoughtful and generous to our group.

Steve & Andrea DeBaker – for hosting the annual wine tasting event for seven consecutive years. Your generosity is beyond words. What a truly unique and special event you offer our club exclusively every year!

Bob & Jen Hawley – hosting the first annual Door County Car Show, and for providing special parking just for our Porsches.

Roy & Darlene Geigel – hosting a car show at their home to benefit the local domestic violence shelter. Thank you for making our club a part of this special event.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to host an event in the New Year. I am excited to participate in the activities you have planned! There are still MANY OPEN DATES for 2013, so please consider sharing an idea for an event or volunteering to host a dinner, tech session, or driving event with any Board member.

Danke sehr schoen,
Laura Prellwitz

“A Picture Worth 1,000 Words”



Laura Prellwitz with her recent acquisition, 2002 Boxster S (Prellwitz photo)

Le Mans 24 Hours

LMP1 sports prototype to be run by Weissach-based works team

Source: Porsche AG Press Database

Stuttgart. At the Weissach Motorsport Centre, preparations for the running of the new LMP1 sports prototype at the Le Mans 24 Hours and in the sports car World Endurance Championship are progressing at high revs. For this feat the infrastructure was considerably expanded. A new workshop building and an office complex have been completed. "The first rollout of our new LMP1 car is planned for mid-2013," announced Wolfgang Hatz, Porsche AG Board of Management Member for Research and Development, on Saturday on the occasion of the end of season "Night of Champions" celebration. "The car will be run by our own works team based here at Weissach."

Following a re-structuring, the LMP1 project is realised by a new department headed by Fritz Enzinger. With his well established organisational structure, Porsche's Head of Motorsport Hartmut Kristen continues to be responsible for all other motorsport programmes worldwide.

The customer sport model 911 GT3 R celebrated 41 wins from 131 starts in a range of GT3 racing series worldwide. For the 2013 season Porsche offers teams an upgrade package which will position the GT3 R even better in the performance window as defined by the FIA.

In his speech, Hatz underlined the importance of GT racing for Porsche and pleaded for two different GT categories for works-supported professional sport and for customer sport: "In factory sport the regulations must be based on technology while in customer racing a stronger alignment of the relative strength by Balance of Performance measures is legitimate."

In addition to the promotion of four Porsche Juniors, one pilot from the international makes cups will enjoy comprehensive support for the 2013 season. Frenchman Jean-Karl Vernay (25) who won the Carrera Cup France at his first attempt last season receives funding to the value of 200,000 Euro towards his 2013 Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup campaign. At a test



The 2012 Season works team (Porsche AG Press Database)

Le Mans 24 Hours

session in Vallelunga, Vernay won over eight other top drivers from the Carrera Cups France, Asia, Japan, Scandinavia, Italy, Australia, Great Britain and from the GT3 Cup Challenge Canada.

Vernay has already made a name for himself in international motor racing. In 2005 he claimed the championship in the French feeder series Formula Renault Campus and went on to finish second in a Formula 3 single-seater at the Macau Grand Prix in 2009. In 2010 Vernay went to the USA and promptly clinched overall victory in the Indy Lights Series' in his first season. Peugeot contracted the Frenchman as a test and reserve pilot for their LMP1 project in 2011. At the same time Vernay competed in the Intercontinental Le Mans Cup and was crowned LMP2 champion. "The support from Porsche is a great opportunity for me," says Vernay. "In the Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup all drivers have to adjust to a new vehicle. For me as a newcomer this means I'll have a good chance to be competitive right from the beginning. The Supercup is the pinnacle of the Porsche one-brand cups and has a great reputation as a launching platform to enter professional GT sport."

With its well-established works drivers, Porsche is relying on continuity. All nine drivers still have a valid contract for the 2013 season or their contract was extended. For six of the nine drivers, the 24-hour race at Daytona on 26 January marks the start of the new season. Joerg Bergmeister drives a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup for The Racers Group. With Kevin Buckler's squad, Bergmeister scored a sensational overall victory at Daytona in 2003 at the wheel of a Porsche 911 GT3 RS. Marco Holzer competes for Alex Job Racing, Marc Lieb again joins forces with Brumos Racing and Richard Lietz drives for last year's winner Magnus Racing. Patrick Long goes racing for Park Place Motorsports and Patrick Pilet competes for the NGT team.

For the Porsche Juniors Michael Christensen and Klaus Bachler the race in Daytona marks the first time in their career that they contest a 24 hour race. Christensen receives support in his campaign from Christian Engelhart and Porsche Cup winner Nick Tandy for the Konrad Motorsport team with whom he contested the Carrera Cup Deutschland in 2012. Bachler is competing for Snow Racing.



Fritz Enzinger, Head of LMP1 (Porsche AG Press Database)

FVR Library Update

It's been a good year for your FVR PCA free lending library. I guess Santa did not catch me being naughty! Through a generous donation from our long time supplier, www.Motorbooks.com, we acquired a whole bunch of recently published titles for free! A savings of several hundred dollars. Keep them in mind when adding to your collection. Reviews of them to come. Also remember that Motorbooks has tons of other hobby titles in their stable of publications, not all related to cars. Check them out! Northwoods member David Savu also donated a pile of rare vintage Porsche books, many of which are no longer in print, as well as sales brochures from the dealers! Thank you sincerely David.

I realize that lots of members today like their e-readers and gawk at printed media, however the vast majority of hobbyist books are not presently released in that format, and furthermore the vintage titles may never be due to their "somewhat" limited target audience. So, if you want the best available Porsche titles, I guess you'll have to "settle" for the FVR PCA lending library. It is housed through the generosity of our President, Gordon Skog at The Auto Clinic in Neenah. And it is totally free and open to all members! Please patronize his shop and enjoy the media while you're there, or sign them out for a leisurely read at home.

Here's a partial list of the recently received titles:

Porsche 911 Collectors Originality Guide Complete Book of Porsche 911

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Porsche Data Book

Essential Buyers Guide (911SC)

Porsche 956 & 962

Porsche A History of Excellence

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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FVR Library Update

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Your (not so) Naughty Librarian,
Jimmy Haen

Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Avery & Allison Alexander	Menasha, WI	1972 911T, 1987 928, 2005 Boxster S	2006
Douglas & Ashley Caple	Appleton, WI	1972 911	1999
Albert Fisher	Oshkosh, WI	2008 Boxster	2008
James & Cynthia Janes	Butte Des Morts, WI	1999 Carrera	2003
Martin & Jan Krebs	Junction City, WI	1984 930, 1989 944 S2	2003
George & Quinn Payne	Oshkosh, WI	1982 911	2007
Stephen & Elizabeth Slajus	Iron Mountain, MI	1987 911, 1996 993C4S	2001
Peter & Donna Smart	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	1975 914	2007

Welcome to our new members of the Fox Valley Region!

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Charles & Susan Johnson (transfer from KSC)	Fish Creek, WI	1957 550A, 2009 Cayman	1972

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 289 total members, with 157 primary members and 132 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.

From the Editor

The Learning Curve

Well, unless you are my favorite Whaletales reader, and just can't wait any longer to read my fascinating editorial comments each month before even paging through the newsletter (OK, even if it took you a few minutes, uh - moments to stop laughing you are still my favorite reader) you've by now noticed some changes to the format. Aside from being due for a freshening up as we enter the fourth year of my being the editor of Whaletales, some of the more constructive comments received in the review process from the PCA newsletter contest are being adopted. A few more changes are in the works, and will be implemented over the next few months. As they say, stay tuned for further details. I would hope the changes provide better readability and help promote interest, and most importantly to improve the viability of Whaletales as a source of local club information for our members.



In other news, as some already had heard at the FVR holiday party on December 15th, that very morning a rather sizable member of the *Odocoileus virginianus* family decided to go play in the road, and unfortunately chose to do so directly in the path of my Cayenne. Being only a mile from home, after confirming my intent with the Waupaca County Sheriff's office dispatcher, I cautiously drove it back home and waited for a deputy to arrive to file an accident report. It was quick, unanticipated, and did prove fatal to the Whitetail doe. Estimates for repair of the Cayenne are being prepared, and I am confident that the eventual outcome will be equitable in terms of repair quality, although dealing with the insurance and repair issues has not been without some stressful moments.

For now, I have acquired a used pickup truck for an everyday driver - but it was a great couple of months riding in the lap of luxury and performance. Must say I do look at the local deer population a bit differently now; can you say tenderloin steak? But on the brighter side of FVR members and their Porsche(s) - Laura Prellwitz is now the proud owner of a 2002 Boxster S. You can see her super-size smile on page 14, and I'm sure the Pipe run won't come soon enough for her!

Your Whaletales Editor,

Mark Wilkinson
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