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July 2010

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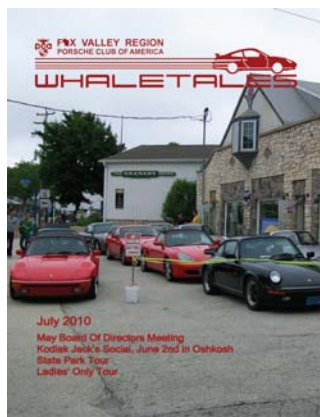
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On the cover

The cover photo for this month's edition of Whaletales, provided by Laura Prellwitz, was taken on Saturday, June 12th at Jen Blahnik's store in Egg Harbor, Signature Pieces, while on the 2010 FVR Ladies' Only Tour.



From the President



The months of June and July are filled with anniversaries in my world. My wife and I celebrated our 3rd wedding anniversary and my parents celebrated 40 years of marriage. I have realized how important and powerful honoring these events can be. In this high-paced world where everyone is always busy I believe stopping to gather together around an important anniversary is necessary. Another important anniversary is coming up in my world, and the world of all PCA-FVR members - the 20th anniversary of our club! The evolution of our club is definitely worth celebrating, so I hope you will join me in honoring the occasion on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Trout Springs Winery (additional details listed further in the newsletter).

Another exciting event that I am looking forward to is Porsche Parade in St. Charles, IL. There are still tickets available for Parade. If you are interested in attending or just looking at the schedule of events please check out <http://parade2010.pca.org/>.

Lastly, I was recently reminded by a 9 year old about something that is important to PCA and our club yet is sometimes forgotten - safety while driving. We all love cars, and especially cars that go very fast; but, we all have a responsibility to be safe out on the road. I would highly recommend watching the following video that was sent to me by Sophia Angeli, who charmed our members at a recent BBQ at the Opicka home by telling her father that she wants a GT2 for her 16th birthday.

Thanks for this important reminder Sophia! <http://www.youtube.com/user/SussexSaferRoads> .

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrew Opicka
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Upcoming Events

Rally in Keshena area

Saturday, June 26, 2010
Hosted by Jim and Marlies Lowey

June 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

The Rally will be around a set course along some of the most scenic and Porsche friendly roads in the state. The course is about 40 mile long with performance judged based on time over the distance. The winning team will receive the coveted Keshena Rally trophy. Associated with this event is a poker run over 3 stops on the route. The cost of the poker run is \$10.00 with the winning team receiving half of the pot with the balance going to PCA charities.

Food supplied by the Loweyes after the event will be Native American with participants requested to bring a dish to pass.

The Lowey house is on beautiful Legend Lake, the will be sailing, kayaking and horseshoes following the meal.

For those of you interested in supporting the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, their casino is 10 minues away. Jim and Marlies Lowey hosting - jimlowey00@frontiernet.com

Central Wisconsin Autocross Schedule

Gentlemen,

Here is the CWI-PCA autocross schedule for 2009 as it has evolved so far. In addition we are working on a Friday late afternoon event at the Sugar River go-cart track near Brodhead, WI, and there also will be an autocross at the Rockford Speedway later in the season, but that date is still up in the air.

May 23, 9 a.m., Columbus 151 Speedway, Columbus WI.
June 6, 9 a.m., Columbus 151 Speedway, Columbus WI.
July 25, 9 a.m., Columbus 151 Speedway, Columbus WI.
August 8, 9 a.m., Columbus 151 Speedway, Columbus WI.
September 5, 9 a.m., Columbus 151 Speedway, Columbus WI.

We are always happy to have visitors join us and would be delighted if any of your members, or yourselves, would like to attend.

Cordially,

Greg Mode

CWI Region PCA

P.S. Attached is a picture of my Franken-Porsche and myself at the CWI, Milwaukee, and Chicago multiregional autocross at the Rockford Speedway in 2008.



Upcoming Events

Iola Old Car Show Weekend Social & Cookout

Hosted by Mark & Barb Wilkinson

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



What - We are hosting at our home a cookout / social to coincide with the Iola Old Car Show weekend. For those interested in visiting the Iola car show, it is about 15 miles to the show grounds from our home. A group road trip to Iola with an afternoon return for the party can be organized for those interested. The show is geared towards vehicles 30 years old or older; this year's theme is the "sensational sixties" so this is an opportunity to get a dose of automotive nostalgia at one of the nation's largest old car shows.

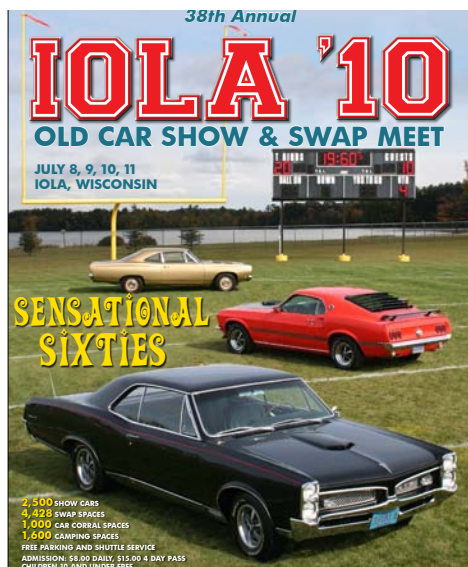
For those that would just as soon kick back, enjoy the weather, friends, food, and refreshment; well - come on and enjoy the party! We have 32 acres on the Little Wolf River, with several mowed trails for taking walks, and shaded seating on the deck. Bring your walking shoes and enjoy a 'name that trail' door prize contest. Bring along lawn chairs, lawn games, or other outdoor summertime recreational favorites. Canoeing or tubing down the Little Wolf River is a local favorite in the summer months, putting in about a mile and a half up the road will float you to our back yard in about an hour. [I have a local source for tube rental, if you RSVP with the number needed I can have tubes ready and waiting.](#)

We will supply snacks, dips, roast beef sandwiches, water and a sampling of other refreshments. If you care to bring something along that's OK - but if it is really good you'll need to give Laura the recipe for the FVR cookbook!

When - Saturday, July 10, 2010 - our desire is to provide earlier refuge for those who might not be as interested in the car show as a significant other may be, with an afternoon buffet-style picnic meal and social for everyone to enjoy. The general plan is for a 9:30 a.m. caravan to Iola for the car show, followed by 2:00 p.m. tubes in the water for an hour and a half float downstream to our back yard, and then and at 4:30 p.m. it will be time to eat!

Where - N4975 County Road B, New London, WI At least that is how the post office finds us; the physical location is about seven miles west of the US 45 / WI 54 intersection on Waupaca County Road B, 0.7 mile north of WI 54 at Royalton.
N 44 25.143, W 88 52.366 - [see Google map](#)

Contact - Please RSVP to Barb Wilkinson rwdata@netnet.net or Mark Wilkinson wlknsnm@wolfnet.net



Upcoming Events

Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America 20th Anniversary Celebration

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

All previous and current officers and members of the FVR,
as well as current members and officers in Zone 13 are invited



Saturday, July 24, 2010

Noon to 7:00 PM

Trout Springs Winery

8150 River Road

Greenleaf, WI

www.troutspringswinery.com



*Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker,
committee members: Laura Prellwitz, Andrew Opicka, Nick Proctor,
Larry Rogers, and Tim Diedrich*

Winery and fish hatchery tours @ 1:00 and 2:00 PM only

Wine tasting throughout the day (3 sweet & 3 dry wines)

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special guest judge, Zone Rep. Ken Hold

Potluck dinner 4:00 - 5:00 PM **(please bring a dish to share)**

Meat, buns, condiments, tableware, and water provided. Folding chairs would also be appreciated

Bocce ball (with trophy and prizes), raffles, silent auction, door prizes,
Concours trophies, and music to follow dinner

RSVP's ARE REQUIRED and are due no later than JULY 15th!

Yes, I/we will attend the 20th
anniversary celebration!

Number attending: _____

x \$5 per person

Total \$ enclosed: _____

Send this form and your check payable
to "Fox Valley Region PCA" to:

Larry Rogers
168 South Pine Court
Appleton, 54914

FVR Calendar of Events

June	Thursday, June 24, 2010 - Sunday, June 27, 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.
	Saturday, July 10, 2010 Iola Car Show/Cook-Out Iola Car Show/cook-out at Mark & Barb Wilkinson's in New London. wlknsnm@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, WI. Overnight accommodations available. pete@graniteridgekennels.com
	Thursday, August 19, 2010 - Sunday, August 22, 2010 ALMS at RA Road America American Le Mans Series.
September	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 premier 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. gord240z@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.

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May Board Of Directors Meeting

May 30, 2010 Board Meeting Notes

We had a discussion of how we send and receive rsvp's and trying not to overlap the two systems - the type sent by AI vs. those sent by Andrew. One system does not give name and number attending for headcounts for reservations. Yet there is the ease of adding it to your Google calendar. We haven't found an easy way to gather a head count. Please bear with us.

We have determined that 99% of club emails get through to our members. However, there is always that small percent that get filtered by your provider. If you have questions about club correspondence, or if you need some computer mail delivery advice, please ask Andrew. He'd be happy to do a resend if you feel something may have gotten "lost".

Kodiak Jacks will be a bit of a challenge to get to with the road construction. (Reports were that road construction didn't stop about 35 enthusiasts from attending).

Andrew submitted the paperwork for the PCA National charity subsidy in early May. We are awaiting confirmation that it has hit our account before sending out any funds.

Charity recipients take note. We are going to take a more formal approach next year. This does not mean we are unhappy with current recipients. To request charitable contributions from FVR, please review and follow the policy on the club's web site. You are asked to submit a formal request for funds beginning next year. Submit it to the Board for review. This will allow us to get a better handle on requests and outlays so that the funds impact the most members.

Andrew took care of our "Incorporation" paperwork. We will need to keep closer tabs on this important document in the future.

We had a request for printed newsletters to be sent in the mail by 2 or 3 members who preferred to read hard copy vs. electronic copy. The board decision is to continue to attach the newsletter to an email to avoid newsletter printing expenses, postage, and labor. Again, if you have any issues with your email setup, Andrew will help. Other clubs sometimes just send a link in email as opposed to the whole file. This is another potential option. And, if you do not have a printer, newsletters can be easily printed at most public libraries.



May Board of Directors Meeting, with potential new members

May Board Of Directors Meeting

We would also like to encourage all members to visit and use our web site, WWW.FV.PCA.ORG. Notice the ".org" designation. The more often we use this wonderful tool, the more comfortable we will become with the way it works.

Laura commented that the enthusiasm of the group has remained strong into the current year. Let's keep up the good job.

Elise would like to resign her position as social committee chair. She would be interested in helping with events, just not the chair position. If you're interest, please let Elise or any board member know of your interest. Many hands make light work.

We are also looking for some members to aid Tim in his advertising position. The type of things we're interested in are not just selling advertising, but obtaining percent off deals or spiffs for car related items from local vendors or on line discounts from part houses etc. Again if you're interest and think you can help out the club, please contact a board member.

John Guy, formerly of the Milwaukee Region, was instrumental in his efforts to beautify Porsche Park. John recently lost his battle with cancer. Would we like to contribute to a memorial at Porsche Park in John's honor? Laura will wait to hear what happens at the Milwaukee Region board meeting in early June to see what their plans are.

Below are additional notes from Larry, who was unable to attend the board meeting.

- We currently have 19 attendees for the anniversary celebration in July, and 17 t-shirt orders.
 - I have written out our two \$500 donation checks this month.
 - I will vote for a club donation toward a memorial for John "Porsche-Park" Guy.
- Please remember to rsvp to the host of an event by the deadline so they can make the necessary reservations and arrangements.

Mary & Jim Haen



The FVR Board of Directors Meeting

Kodiak Jack's Social, June 2nd in Oshkosh



Our hosts for the evening, John & Jeanne Strubic, having fun with Dennis Olson



Good friends, good times! Peg Homel, left, visits with Judy & Tim St. Aubin.



Tom & Kathy Robl (left) talking with Jim & Cindy Janes (right). Welcome back from FL, Tom and Kathy!



Fairly new member, Bobbi Vandeveld, talks to Nick Proctor about the 20th anniversary t-shirts for sale.



Ann Taylor is "surprised" by hubby and club webmaster, Al Taylor, and V.P. Gordon Skog.



Door prizes!!! Thank you, John & Jeanne

State Park Tour

State Parks Tour Summary - Submitted by Laura Prellwitz

Despite failed attempts due to inclement weather in 2008 and 2009, the 2010 state parks tour was finally able to break the bad weather omen. The third time is truly the charm! Eight cars from the Fox Valley Region were joined by two from the Milwaukee and one from the Central Wisconsin region for scenic drive through the Kettle Moraine area of Wisconsin, with free admission to the state parks along the way. We had a few spotty, brief showers, but overall the weather cooperated with us.

Fox Valley members were: Mark & Barb Wilkinson, George & Quinn Payne, Warren & Joyce Beaver, Tom & Kathy Robl, Jim & Cindy Janes, Jim & Mary Haen, and Bill & Barbara Chapman. The event was hosted by Jim & Laura Prellwitz. Milwaukee members were Paul & Sharon Stewart and Lynn & Kristin Wallace. Central Wisconsin member, Brandon Blexrude also brought a guest, and former FVR member, Avery Alexander. As always with the PCA members, the cars gave us a common denominator for conversation, and friendships quickly started to form.

The tour left the southern Sheboygan area a little after 10:00 AM and headed to

Terre Andre state park where we encountered a beautiful doe grazing by the side of the road. After a lap through the park, we spent about a ½ hour visiting the nature center and/or walking the boardwalk/nature trail near the beach. Leaving the park, we headed to the Kohler Design Center and toured the facility for about an hour, then headed to a Chinese-American buffet restaurant for lunch. It was there we learned a little trick from Laura Prellwitz with fortune cookies. At the end of each fortune, add the words, "in bed" and new meanings can be derived. Several of us had some great laughs in the parking lot reading and sharing our new "fortunes." The remainder of the afternoon included stops at Parnell Tower, Mauthe, and Long Lakes. In between were curvy, hilly, and scenic roads. We also had a few more encounters with wildlife including a large turtle and some turkeys crossing the roads.

The tour concluded at 4:00 PM at the Old Wade House in Greenbush.

Thanks again to all the fun and adventurous members from all three regions that came out to join us! We hope to see you again in 2010.



Milwaukee members, Paul Stewart and Lynn Wallace, were the first two members to climb the 60' Parnell Tower



State Parks Tour group photo



11 Porsches for the state parks tour

Ladies' Only Tour

Ladies' Only Tour Summary - Submitted by Laura Prellwitz

Twenty-four ladies in thirteen Porsches participated in the 2nd annual Ladies' Only tour to Door County on Saturday, June 12. It was most enjoyable day for all the women to get out and truly enjoy their cars, and make new friends within the Fox Valley Region PCA. Participants included: Jeanne Strublic, Pat Rogers, Evie Rossol, Elaine Nelson and friend Jonette, Laura Prellwitz and friend Deb, Barb Wise and daughter Jeanice, Elise Opicka and mom, Ann Taylor and daughter Andrea, Heidi Kepchar, Debbie Scholfield, Roberta Vandevelt and friend Mimi, Barb Wilkinson, Barb Chapman and daughter-in-law Deanna, Mary Haen, and Mary Niemiec. We had a wonderful collection of Boxsters, 911's, a 944, and a 914, ranging in years 1974 - 2005.



Porsches in the parking lot at Gordon Lodge (lunch)



Ladies on the tour, group photo at The Flying Pig in Algoma

Ladies' Only Tour

The majority of the tour participants gathered at Culver's on the east side of Green Bay at 9:00 AM in some misty, breezy, and cool weather. However, the precipitation stopped shortly thereafter and we stayed dry the remainder of the day. We headed to Algoma where members could choose between shopping at the Flying Pig gift shop, or wine tasting at the Von Stiehl winery. Leaving Algoma, we encountered five baby raccoons playing in the middle of a county highway, which Laura Prellwitz stopped and "shooed" to the side of the road for safety. The next official stop was Cana Island lighthouse which was quite busy as it was a stop for many attending Door County's annual Lighthouse Festival which was currently being celebrated. The 20 minute wait to get a tour and to take the 97 steps to the top of the tower were a bit much for most of us, so we enjoyed the view from the ground instead.

We proceeded a few miles north to Gordon Lodge where we had most scenic view of the bay and a delicious luncheon. Laura had a candy faux flower gift vase as a door prize, which was won by Elise Opicka's mom. Elise's mom also treated us all to some deliciously tasty dark chocolate Porsche-shaped candy, too. YUM!! After lunch, we back tracked a bit into Bailey's Harbor where Jim & Evie Rossol graciously welcomed us into their beautiful home and offered us champagne and home made key lime pie. (Evie is a wonderful baker and will share her recipe with us in the Fox Valley Region cookbook later.) The pie was scrumptious and most tasty!!

Leaving Evie's residence, we proceeded east across the peninsula and stopped at the Wood Orchard Market just north of Egg Harbor where we grazed on many of the delightful sauces, salsas, dips, jams, etc. they have to offer, all



Mary Niemiec has a seat at the Flying Pig gift shop in Algoma.



Elaine Nelson (left) and her husband recently transferred to the FVR from Florida. Evie Rossol and husband Jim joined the FVR within the last year.

Ladies' Only Tour

home made. A short drive south took us to member Bob Hawley and Jen Blahnik's store, Signature Pieces in Egg Harbor, where special parking was arranged for us by Bob, and Jen feted us with rich chocolate brownies, lemon bars, juice, and a gift basket with little treat bags for each one of us, including a 10% discount coupon for merchandise in her store. Thank you so much, Jen and Bob!

Our final stop was at Murphy County Park, a few miles south of Egg Harbor. It was about 5:00 PM, so several members of the group broke off and headed home, but about eight remaining members caravanned together

back to Mackinaw's Grill in Green Bay where we had a small supper before officially concluding the tour for the day.



FVR Region of the Year Application

The Fox Valley Region has received supportive praise from peer region members and leadership, in addition to complements from Porsche Club of America leadership to attest to the quality of the activities we as a group have planned and made a reality. Our Fall Tours are notable examples, having gained the attention and even the participation of PCA Treasurer, Ruben Ledesma in 2009.

In the spirit of putting ourselves to the test, the Fox Valley Region has submitted an application to PCA for the 2010 Ferry Porsche Trophy "Region of the Year Award." The first presentation of the Ferry Porsche Region of the Year award was at the sixth Parade in 1961. This award, sponsored by the Porsche factory and POAC (Porsche of America Corporation) in memory of Dr. Ferdinand (Ferry) Porsche is presented to the outstanding Region of the year, and is often referred to as the "Region of the Year Award."

The selection of the award winning Region is based on growth, general improvement or maintenance of high standards in activities, meetings, newsletters, and adherence to, or the furtherance of, the objectives and ideals of the Porsche Club of America, Inc.

Recent recipients of the Region of the Year Award include: Roadrunner (2009), Nord Stern (2008), and San Diego (2007). The categorical evaluation process is

based on the level of membership activity, membership growth, community activity, multi-region participation, and newsletter effectiveness.

To support the FVR submission for the Region of the Year Award, early in 2010 the document following this page was drafted and presented to the PCA National Awards Chair. The document follows the PCA recommended format, with brief descriptions of events, activities, meetings, and other gatherings for the year. Also included are statement of our community activities, social activities, such as charity event(s) or other activity of benefit to the community. Photographs of interesting aspects of the Region and its members and activities have been included, as are membership growth statistics for the year. The full document is

included in this issue of Whaletales to provide the FVR membership an opportunity to share in this process.

On Monday, July 5th, we will learn if the efforts have been successful, as the announcement of the 2010 Region of the Year will be made at the Concours Banquet during Chicago Parade. Should the outcome be positive for the Fox Valley Region, representatives of the FVR are planning to be present and will have the honor of accepting the award on behalf of all FVR members.

Quoting from the trophy:
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Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America

Application for the 2010 Ferry Porsche Region of the Year award



**FOX VALLEY REGION
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**



The Fox Valley region (FV) is located in Zone 13, in the Upper Midwest of the United States. It covers more than 23,000 square miles of diverse topography, two time zones, two states, and some very rugged seasonal weather. Although we tend to garage our Porsches during the snowy and icy winter months, we are socially active year 'round.

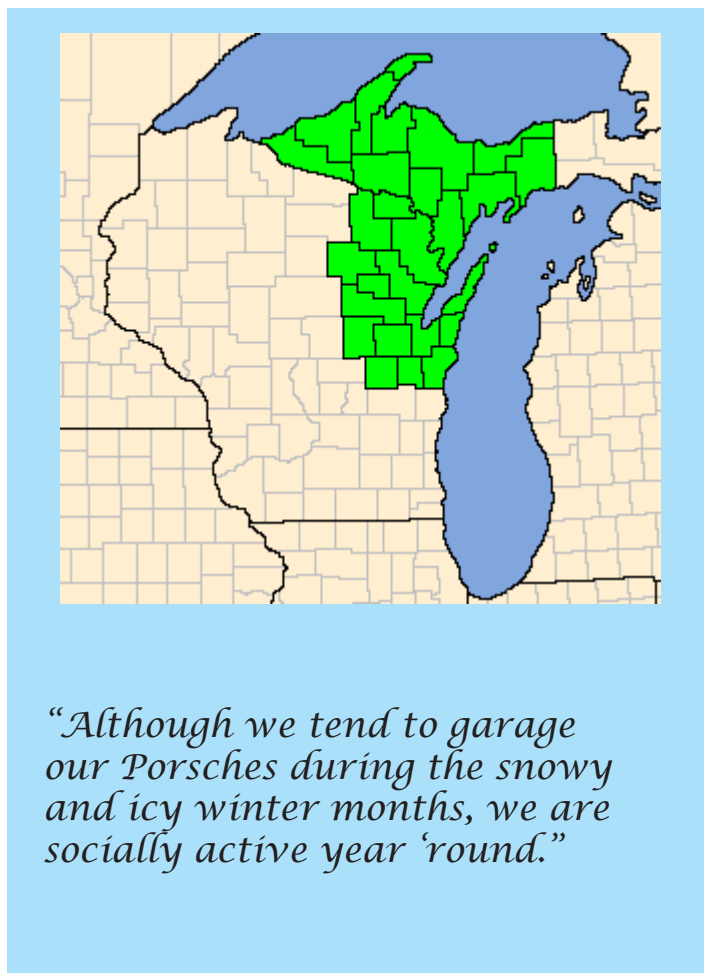
The FV region was chartered almost 20 years ago, in 1990, developing from the Milwaukee Region. In 2009, FV region experienced positive growth in membership, percentage participation of its members in events, and number and variety of events offered. We have developed an expansive print and DVD library free of charge to our members; have a user-friendly website, and our newsletter, Whaletales, won an award at Parade 2009. Our region's President was chosen at the PCA's Most Outstanding Enthusiast of the



Laura Prellwitz, PCA 2009 Most Outstanding Enthusiast of the Year

Year in 2009 as well. Furthermore, we actively network with our neighboring regions so our members are able to participate in Concours, driver's education, racing, and autocross events. We are very proud of our charity work. We provide both volunteer and monetary support for "Supermileage", an ultra-high fuel economy vehicle design competition for high-school age participants in connection with Fox Valley Technical College. FV region also donates money annually from fund raising events to the Multiple Sclerosis Chapter of Wisconsin.

Our mission statement, as posted on our website, states, "We are primarily a social and touring club, enjoying positive fellowship with other Porsche owners at a variety of non-competitive activities. We do not host driver's education, auto cross, Concours, or club racing, but some of our members do participate in these events with other regions. We believe in the highest standards of courtesy and safety on the road during our activities. Technical sessions and information are offered to help promote high standards of operation and maintenance of our vehicles. A mutually beneficial relationship exists between our region and the local Porsche dealership, enabling both parties to prosper. We also have many cooperative relationships



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with other Porsche regions, exchanging ideas, information and participation in a variety of events. Additionally, we network with other auto and community service clubs when appropriate. Our region also helps support several local charities." In summary, we exist to learn, make friends, and have fun.

Our 2009 calendar was abundantly filled with a variety of 44 events spread throughout our region, making activities accessible to all members. In general the events could



PDK tech session at local Porsche dealership in Appleton

be categorized as: dinner/socials (15), board of directors meeting (4), tech sessions (5), tours (5), charity (4), events with dealership (6), and cross-region interaction (5). The following is a summary:

January 6 - Annual dinner and board of directors meeting at O'Charley's restaurant in Appleton. Seventeen members attended.

January 15 - PDK tech session by Chuck James held at the local Porsche dealership in Appleton, WI. Despite -15 temperature wind chills and below zero actual temperature, 15 members attended. This event was coordinated by our technical advisor, Andrew Opicka.

February 3 - A DePere, WI, restaurant was the setting for an oil seminar presented by our technical advisor, Andrew Opicka. Dinner was included as part of the evening and approximately a dozen members attended.

February 22 - Dinner and a movie night held at the Opicka's home in Green Bay. Despite an intense snow storm, a dozen members attended. Chili and beverages were served while we watched the Steve McQueen movie, "Le Mans" in the Opicka's home theatre.

March 3 - FV member, Terry Fritz, owner of "Race Fans Paradise" store in Manitowoc, WI, hosted a dinner at a local restaurant, then a short caravan to his store. Members were given a 10% discount on any merchandise in the store. Guest speaker for the evening was Mary Lou Haen, marketing director for Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. Mary Lou donated two, four-day passes to the Kohler International/Brian Redman races in July. The tickets were won by the region President, who in turn donated them back to the club to be raffled for charity. The tickets were a \$300 value and raised almost that much in the raffle. Twenty-two members attended the meeting.

March 14 - Zone President's Meeting attended by our region's President in Chicago. An invitation was extended to and accepted by our President to attend the Chicago Region's St. Patrick's Day party afterwards. Others in attendance included the current and previous Zone Representatives, Chicago President and other officers, and about 30 other Chicago region members. Our President was invited by Kori Kwak, DE instructor, to be a guest speaker in the future at a Chicago region meeting.

Also, March 14 - Motion Products Open Houses in Neenah, WI. Extreme Performance Motorsports, Valley Restoration, and Blanchard's Speed Shop invited members of the FV region to tour their facilities. Demonstrations included: engine dyno, chassis dyno, rapid prototype, 3D imaging, CNC capabilities, restoration and polishing services, Borrani Wheels and part sourcing. Approximately two dozen members attended. This event was coordinated by one of our past presidents, Jim Stephenson.

April 7 - Fairly new members, Al & Pam Kuck, hosted a dinner in Shawano, WI. Approximately 14 members attended. The Vice-President raffled several items raising \$64 for charity.

April 11 - Planning committee meeting in Milwaukee for the September 5 picnic. The FV membership chairperson and President met with five members of the MIL region to plan and organize the joint region event for September 5.



Planning meeting, left to right: Allan Wagner (MIL), Gordon Skog (FV), Mike Jurkowski, Kim Zinda, Beverly Jurkowski, Ellyn Wagner (all MIL)

April 22 - FV member and investment counselor, Fritz Wotruba, hosted a free dinner and seminar in Appleton. Fourteen members attended.

April 25 - One day driving tour and dinner in Wautoma, WI, hosted by John & Jeanne Strubic. In spite of rainy, windy, and cold weather, 16 members participated. A visit was also made to Vintage Vehicles, a business that restores classic cars, near Wautoma. A local newspaper reporter also stopped to interview a few of the members and a group photo was taken and published in a local newspaper. Dinner was held at a beautiful supper club to conclude the day. The Strubic's also donated several door prizes.

May 1-2 - Supermileage charity event. Every year, on the first weekend in May, our club is a major supporter of the Supermileage portion of the WEEVA Challenge at Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) in Appleton. Boys and girls from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan participate in this two-day competition to see who can get the best mileage from their gas- or electric-driven cars and thus become winners. Each high school participating submits one or more entries in the competition. These vehicles are home-built and designed to obtain maximum mileage when making eight laps around the Wisconsin International Raceway track for gas-powered and timed portion for the electric. On the first eight-hour day, volunteers from our club helped with inspection of the cars at FVTC and on the second eight-hour day, we assisted at the competition. At the track, our members helped with weighing in of the gas allotted to each car, both before the competitors made their

laps, and then again afterwards, to determine the amount of fuel used. The winner in 2009 was 426 mpg. Six members helped supervise. The satisfaction our members experience from working with the students is overwhelming. This event demonstrates that the next generation is very competitive and full of enthusiasm for improving themselves and our world. In addition to the 16+ man hours each donated by our volunteers, our region also contributed \$500 to the event for materials. A local newspaper also published photos of some of our members assisting at the event and an accompanying article was published.



A local Supermileage team at the WEEVA Challenge

May 3 - Tour of the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay with dinner/social following. Hosted by the Opicka's. A board of directors meeting held during dinner as well. Approximately ten members attended.

May 5 - Our annual spring "opener" car show and dinner at Jim & Linda's Supper Club in Pipe, WI. Over 40 members attended, renewed friendships, and showed off their cars which were now ready for the spring and summer driving season. "Fun" awards were given for cleanest car, biggest bug splatter, oldest car, newest car, best detailing, etc.



FV region annual spring "opener" in Pipe, WI

May 16 - Tour of northern Wisconsin and southern Upper Michigan hosted by the Zoromski's. They have been inactive members for quite awhile, but they are now enthusiastic once again and hosted a terrific tour. We made a stop at the DeYoung's Family Zoo and had lunch on the patio at the Four Seasons Resort. Special parking was

roped off in the parking lot for us as well, with welcome signs. Eighteen members participated. (It was a bitterly cold and windy day!) On the humorous side, words rarely spoken by a Porsche owner were uttered: "I think I have camel poop in my 911!"

May 17 - Fox Valley Road & Track Classic. Our region has participated in this fund raiser event for Multiple Sclerosis for many years. It is organized and hosted by a local British car club. The region President and her husband helped register participants in this event and get insurance forms signed. Members from a variety of auto clubs are invited, with about 140 participants in total. Our region once again had the single largest donation, \$800. A total of \$3000 was raised. Part of this event includes a stop for a tech session at the Zero to 60 Garage (owned by a Fox Valley member), and a tour to Road America. It concludes with "track time" on the pavement at Road America.

May 21 - A dinner was hosted at the V.P.'s residence for board members and sales manager, Paul Ellsworth, from Bergstrom Porsche. This was the beginning of more open dialogue with the dealership and planning for events with/ at Bergstrom for the remainder of the year. All plans made eventually came to fruition!



FV region VP Nick Proctor practices his culinary skills

June 2 - Dinner/social, and seminar on the Supermileage event. Mike Cattelino, Fox Valley Technical College professor, spoke to the group of 38 members about the goals of the Supermileage and the positive impact it has on youth and the auto engine design industry. He thanked us for our continued financial and volunteer support. Thirty-eight members was a new record for us at a dinner in Appleton in June. The event was hosted by our treasurer, Larry Rogers, who is an annual supporter of the Supermileage.

June 6 - Manitowoc's "Thunder on the Lakeshore" military and vintage aircraft show. Member Roy Geigel has a clear view of the airport from his home and offered an open

house and potluck for members to come and enjoy the show. We had a record low high temperature that day and miserable rain, but an abbreviated version of the show went on and approximately 22 members attended.

June 6 - The first "coffee and doughnuts" social held at Bergstrom Porsche dealership in Appleton. Approximately 15 members attended and was hosted by our Vice-President/dealership liaison.

June 7 - State parks tour was cancelled due to rain and hail.

June 13 - First ever "Ladies' Only" tour to Door County was a huge success. Hosted by the region's President, it attracted 17 women to come out and drive for the day. One member from the Chicago region also joined us. Stops along the route included a winery tour, lunch, a farmer's market/antique store, and shopping. A member who owns a gift shop along the route invited the ladies to stop in for refreshments and brownies. A special parking area was provided to the group, and a drawing for a gift basket was also held. One of the drivers on the outing invited the group back to her cottage along Lake Michigan where the ladies' had "show and tell" with their shopping purchases and enjoyed a few munchies and beverages. The tour will become an annual event due to its popularity.



The first Door County "Ladies' Only" Tour

June 28 - "All Porsche Show" hosted by Nord Stern Region in Roseville, MN. Seven FV members attended the show, with one showing his 356 Speedster. The region's President and Webmaster were warmly greeted by the Fraguada's from Shakopee, MN. Dinner and beverages were shared the night before at a local restaurant. At the show, the FV members were introduced and welcomed by the organizers of the All Porsche Show and several Nord Stern officers. New friendships were kindled and event information between the regions is now freely shared.

July 7 - Social, mini-tour, and dinner at the Simon's home in Oshkosh, WI. Thirty-three members participated. The evening began with snacks at the Simon's residence,



FV members at Nord Stern "All Porsche Show" in Roseville, MN

followed by a 45 minute tour along the shores of Lake Winnebago. Dinner was at 50's style drive-in with car hops on roller skates.

July 11 - Second free coffee and doughnuts social at the dealership. About a dozen members attended. One new member was gained at the site. Event was hosted by our technical advisor and president-elect, Andrew Opicka.

July 18 - FV members and owners of Trout Springs Winery, in Greenleaf, WI, Steve and Andrea DeBaker, held their annual tour, wine-tasting, potluck, and intense Bocce ball competition. Twenty-eight members attended. Trout Springs will also be the site of our 20th anniversary celebration in 2010.

July 26 - Zero to 60 Garage Open House in Sherwood, WI. Owner and FV member, Dave Treichel, hosts this annual event and informal tech seminar. Money raised assists the "Friends of High Cliff", a local state park. A best estimate is about 30 members attended.

August 1 - Free coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche. Another new member was gained. The event was hosted by dealership liaison, Tim Diedrich. Also, the cover of the August edition of the Nord Stern newsletter/magazine was a photo of Jim Stephenson's 356 from the Fox Valley Region shown at their All Porsche Show in June.



Dealership events at Porsche of the Fox Valley

August 4 - Social/dinner, car show, and detailing seminar was held at Bavarian Inn restaurant in Appleton, WI. The owners are from Northern Germany and give us the red carpet treatment annually. A local business person who owns a detailing service gave a demonstration of his services to the membership. Forty-two members attended, breaking the June attendance record. The event was hosted by our treasurer, Larry Rogers.



Social gathering at Bavarian Inn, with 42 in attendance

August 8 - Potluck picnic and social at Bergstrom Porsche hosted by our dealership liaisons, Nick Proctor and Tim Diedrich. Sales manager, Paul Ellsworth also co-hosted. Approximately 23 members attended, and we gained two new members at the event. Paul Ellsworth was made an honorary member of the club as well.

August 22 - Tour from Appleton, WI, to Scandinavia, WI, for a social and potluck dinner at the home of member, Stan Stout. Approximately 26 members attended for a fun day on a private lake, grilled brats for supper, and enjoyed a bonfire later in the evening.

August 23 - Manitowoc Herald-Times Reporter and Sheboygan Press newspapers published an article on the region's President being chosen as Enthusiast of the Year.

August 29 - Tour and potluck dinner at the home of new members, Jim & Marlies Lowey, near Keshena, WI. Despite inclement weather, we had a nice social, dinner with Native American food, and a tour around a beautiful inland lake. Fourteen members attended. The Lowey's will host a potluck dinner and rally in 2010 as well.

September 5 - A joint region picnic with the Milwaukee group was held at Road America in Porsche Park. This was the first time an event such as this occurred between the two regions. It was initiated by the Fox Valley Region. Two members from FV and five members from MIL formed a planning committee and hosted the event. The FV region collected the RSVP's from all members and provided the meat, buns, and beverages. Forty-four members of the FV region attended the picnic, and 40 members from the MIL region were there. The picnic was held on September 5 while the Chicago region hosted their TRAC event. Furthermore, Ken Hold, our Zone 13 Representative, joined us for the festivities. The regions provided hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water, condiments, buns, and table ware. Each attending member was asked to bring a dish or food item to share. Final costs were equally divided between the regions.

September 12 - Coffee and doughnuts social held at Bergstrom Porsche dealership. Again, about a dozen members attended. The event was again hosted by new member, and dealership liaison, Tim Diedrich.

September 17 -19 was our 10th annual fall tour, hosted by U.P. member, Greg Rigoni. The driving adventure took us to the far northern areas of Upper Michigan which was one of our most ambitious tours to date. Friday night consisted



FV region 2009 Fall Tour participants enjoyed sunshine and the acquaintance of fellow members on the shores of Lake Superior

of an impromptu tailgate party at the hotel parking lot (which posted, "Welcome Fox Valley Region Porsche Club" on their lighted marquee sign) and a pasty (a local cuisine favorite) dinner donated by the Rigoni's. Saturday morning was an informal "show and shine" competition prior to departure for the day's tour. We discovered PCA's treasurer is not immune to bribery! (all in good fun, to be sure.) To celebrate the occasion, the Vice-President worked with a local silk screener to design a special T-shirt to commemorate the occasion, and all but one person wore their shirt. We had 24 cars and 46 members participate in the tour, including two members from the Chicago region. The attendance and participation in this tour was more than double the previous year's and set a new record. Furthermore, Ruben & Janet Ledesma joined our adventure and were provided with a 2008 Cayenne by our local Porsche dealership. Our V.P. also provided all ground transportation for them. Ruben & Janet repeatedly commented that this tour was the best event they had ever attended, anywhere. They also received a gift basket from one of our "Yooper" members, along with a 2010 Lake Superior calendar, and a book of non-fiction stories about life in Michigan that was signed/autographed by all participants on the tour. Ruben later reported to Kurt Gibson what a fantastic time he and his wife had. Kurt has since been in contact with the FV region about participating in the 2010 tour with us. A new member, Al Curran, was gained along the tour as well, and is our "Most Northern" member. Two weeks after joining the club, he volunteered to host a spring waterfalls tour in the U.P., May 21-23, 2010. Warren Beaver, a member of ten years, who just started participating in events this year was seen standing at the bottom of the staircase at our hotel in Houghton, MI, on Sunday morning looking a bit forlorn. His comment was, "Geez, I'm gonna miss all you guys after hanging out together all weekend. I didn't know what I'd been missing all these years." Warren has since volunteered to co-host next year's fall tour, with our webmaster, Al Taylor!

October 3 - The region President hosted an appreciation dinner for the board members and volunteers for 2009. The dinner was held in a cabin in a Manitowoc park and attendees were feted with hot roast beef, homemade tomato bisque soup, fruit cups, Greek break salad, and a build your own sundae bar. All foods were paired with complementary wines as well. Forty members attended. Children in attendance visited the zoo contained within the park, and participated in a pumpkin carving contest with pumpkins and materials provided by the club's President.

October 6 - Membership chairperson, and owner of the Auto Clinic (with a Porsche mechanic on his staff), Gordon Skog, hosted his 11th annual fall tech session. Over 40 members attended. Gordon and his staff discussed care and maintenance of older cars (many of our members have cars from the 1980's and older) as well as winterizing and storage concerns. Two representatives from Castrol oil also presented information about their products and use in

Porsches. Gordon donated a lighted portable jack and two jack stands for a raffle which raised over \$60 for charity. He also donated a multitude of Porsche or car-related items for door prizes. Nearly everyone left the session with something in hand.



Applause for the Tech Session at the Auto Clinic

October 17 - Panamera unveiling! Coffee and doughnuts social at Bergstrom Porsche dealership Saturday morning. Approximately a dozen members attended the two hour event. (We only had three days notice.) The V.P./dealership liaison and technical advisor/president-elect hosted the event wearing full suits and ties!

Also on 10/17 - New members, Todd & Sheila Benz, hosted a chili and campfire social at their home near Green Bay, WI. Later in the evening we made s'mores and did some wonderful star gazing. Seventeen members attended.

October 31 - Milwaukee region member and owner of Paintwerks, Dave Zimmer, invited all the members of the FV region for a 2.5 hour tech session at his business in West Bend, WI, on paint and body care/maintenance. Breakfast and lunch were included for \$5.00 per person. A FV member who resides in the Appleton area offered to lead a caravan of cars to the tech site (about an hour drive). Another FV member e-mailed a notice to all members attending to bring their "go cups" and to stop in at his residence (along the driving route) for a free coffee fill-up. Over 50 members from the combined regions attended, with eight from the FV region.

November 3 - A social and dinner were held at Mackinaw's Grill, a Green Bay restaurant owned by FV member, Pat Quinn. We had a private dining area with a toasty fireplace for ambiance. The theme of the evening was "show and tell". Everyone was requested to bring or wear something "Porsche" or "Fox Valley Region", as long as it didn't drip oil. Thirty-five members attended and the show and tell was quite humorous. Everything from a broken tail light (and

the accompanying how story of how it got broken at Road America), to a first place show trophy, to Porsche models, photos, and a 48 hours of Sebring bottle opener was shown and shared. The restaurant owner donated several \$10 gift certificates as door prizes, free brownie sundaes for dessert, and free drink coupon.

December 12 - The Fox Valley Region PCA had its best holiday party, with the highest attendance ever of 60 members.

Attendees were greeted with photo ID necklaces using members' photos with their cars from events they attended during the 2009 driving season. People proudly wore



Linda Russo, Dennis Olson, and Greg Russo

them throughout the evening. Each member/couple also received a beautiful etched glass ornament, designed by the president-elect, Andrew Opicka, on behalf of the FV region. The ornaments were in a diamond shape with the Fox Valley Region logo on it and "2009." Andrew also

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 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 FV region.

Attendees were encouraged to mix and mingle using a Porsche People Bingo game. This ice-breaker facilitates conversation and assists members in getting to know one another better. By completing the game, members earned "bonus" door prize tickets for a free one night's stay and breakfast for two at the hotel where the party was held.

Throughout the evening, tables around the festively decorated ballroom filled with items for the silent auction, and members competitively made their bids.

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. Webmaster, "Pastor Al Taylor" gave the blessing prior to the delicious Italian buffet meal.

Following dinner, each member in attendance who will be hosting an event in 2010 was given the opportunity to preview their activity. Vice-President, Nick Proctor, "modeled" the 20th anniversary T-shirts that will be available for order and purchasing in late spring. He also



The Fox Valley Region 2009 Holiday Party

presented the President with the "Member of the Year Award" and the newly created "Grand Achievement Award" to Jamie and Laura Prellwitz "in recognition of their of outstanding service to the club." Webmaster, and 2010 Fall tourmeister, Al Taylor, received the "Enthusiast of the Year Award."

Incoming newsletter editor, Mark Wilkinson, was presented 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 the President for all of his work, generosity, and support the past two years as Vice-President and dealership liaison.

The silent auction precisely closed at 9:30 PM. The large, three paneled banner of the 2009 Carrera S sold for \$120 and was single highest sales of the evening. Thanks to the meticulous accounting skills of our treasurer, Larry Rogers, the silent auction raised a grand total of \$1,579.

Our region was moribund almost two years ago. Our by-laws were out of date, attendance at events was diminishing; only a handful of events were offered, the board had not met in over a year, and we were losing more members than we were gaining. The past two years, especially in 2009, we have turned things around with great success. We have added new positions to our board (dealer liaisons and technical advisors), and have new members on the board as well. We have developed open communication and a mutually beneficial relationship with our local dealership that never existed before. We have one local dealership that has been in existence for about six years. Until 2009, we had virtually no relationship with the dealership. Our liaisons have spent much time and energy this year fostering a positive working relationship with the sales staff. During the early winter through late spring, the dealership is partially closed, open by appointment only.

To help support our charities, the dealership has donated, the large, three-paneled banners that decorate the showroom area to us when a new banner arrives. This year we had two banners. The first was raffled and raised over \$70 for charity. The second one was "sold" at the holiday party's silent auction for \$120. Nearly half of our members attended at least one event in 2009. We have Fox Valley Region logo wear available at two stores, and they will ship products to the members' residences. Additionally, we have distinctive name badges with either pin or magnet backs that members are encouraged to purchase and wear at all events. They are quite popular. We have an outstanding safety record at our events. We have never had to file a negative report or claim of any kind. We are always in full compliance with our insurance and safety paperwork. Lastly, whenever a member hosts an event for the first time, they receive an attractive matted and framed "Certificate of Appreciation" created and signed by the region's secretary, Mary Haen. The certificate features our

club's logo, the recipient's name and the words "On behalf of the membership in recognition of your participation and support of the programs of the Fox Valley Region, Porsche Club of America." They have become quite coveted and this certainly fosters members' willingness to host another event in the future.

Because we do not have the resources to host track events, we actively network with the Milwaukee, Chicago, and Central Wisconsin regions when they hold events at Blackhawk Farms and Road America. Our region is frequently invited by other surrounding areas such as the Autobahn, Gingerman and other events in Illinois and Michigan. It is our goal that in time we will have the personnel and funds to host something of our own in the future. We are also looking to have a cross-region Autocross with the Milwaukee region in 2010. Rallies have been attempted in the past with our region, but were not well-attended. However, we are planning two for 2010 as more interest has been expressed in this activity recently.

All of our communication is done electronically. We do, however, have a handful of members who do not have e-mail or internet. Our webmaster, Al Taylor, sends postcards to those members letting them know about our activities. Two of those members have started attending events, and one recently got a computer and couldn't wait to get his e-mail on the master list! He said he got the computer just for Porsche club events. Our technical advisor receives frequent news updates about Porsche. Several of these are forwarded to the membership. Many members have stated they appreciate all the great communication; especially those that are "up north" and feel separated from the rest of us. Electronic communication has helped to keep us a closely knit group.

Our newsletter editor traveled extensively for his career, quite often to Asia. He announced at the end of summer that he was resigning as editor as of the end of the year. New member, Mark Wilkinson, has volunteered to take over the position beginning in January. Mark has already spent a great deal of time reviewing the past 19 years of our region's newsletters, tracking down all issues and scanning them on to CD's and jump drives, plus internet searches of other regions' publications. We are confident Mark will take our newsletter to a new level in 2010.

We have a large Fox Valley Region banner that we proudly display at many of our outdoor events and often use as part of group photos. It was created and donated by our Vice-President/dealership liaison, Nick Proctor. A special, handmade "Welcome" banner with our region's logo on it was hung outside one of the restaurants we dined at during the fall tour. The owner/manager donated the banner to us afterwards. We were most honored to accept it. Furthermore, we have Porsche Club Worldwide flag on a telescoping flagpole with base that we display at our many events.

The club also purchased a standing portable Coleman gas grill (yes, it fits under the bonnet of a 911!) so we can continue our potluck picnics and cook-outs in the dealership parking lot or other locations where grills might not be available.

We had three articles in the "From the Regions" section of Panorama published in 2009: the ladies' tour, the September 5 picnic with the Milwaukee region, and our fall tour group photo with accompanying narrative.

The club's president takes a lot of photos at each event. Copies of those photos are quickly sent to the members who are subjects of those photos, along with a thank you note for participating/attending. Members have expressed appreciation for this and it fosters further attendance at future events.

Our holiday party has gained a very popular reputation. In October, our region's President and long-time holiday hostess, was contacted by the holiday party chairperson for the Lincoln Trail Region at the recommendation of our Zone Representative, Ken Hold. LTR was seeking ways to "liven up" their party and increase attendance, and our holiday party was given as a model as a means to accomplish those goals. Our President was able to assist the LTR with several creative suggestions.

Bill & Linda Bein, along with some other members, have frequently donated tickets to the region for events at Road America. These tickets have been auctioned or raffled throughout the spring and early summer. Funds raised are then donated to our charities.

Our region's President initiated and continues to collect recipes to assemble a Best of the Best Fox Valley Region PCA Cookbook. The region has obviously had multiple successful potlucks this past year and there were many delicious appetizers, salads, desserts, casseroles, etc. at each one. Members have been asked to contribute their favorite recipes. When the cook book is completed in 2010, it will be available for sale and the profits will be donated to our charities as well.

We began 2009 with 138 primary members and total of 258 members. We concluded with 153 primary members, for a grand total of 281 members. This is the largest number of members ever in the FV region. We gained 32 new primary members, four of whom transferred from the Central Wisconsin Region. Ninety percent of our members renewed their memberships. We lost two members to transfer out of state, both of which were career related. Of the 10% of members that did not renew, and responded to inquiries about their non-renewal, no one indicated dissatisfaction with the club as their reason for non-renewal. Economic reasons, (costs of car, change/loss of job, not enough time to participate in activities) were the common reasons given. Much of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has experienced

approximately 12% unemployment (or higher in some localized areas), so the downturn of the economy has affected many, and the Porsche was a casualty of financial circumstances.

Our club is promoted through events at our local dealership (coffee and doughnuts, picnic, tech sessions); a FV region brochure designed by our dealer liaisons, our a user-friendly website, business cards, newspaper articles about activities of our club, sharing of our newsletter at the dealership, and of course word of mouth from our enthusiastic members.

Upon joining, new members receive a welcome letter from our President, a copy of the current newsletter, and at least one board member calls and welcomes them. They are given a "mentor" for the first year and/or events they attend. Upon attending their first event, they receive a PCA logo lapel pin. They are also asked to share their biography in the next edition of our newsletter. One-fourth of our new members have volunteered to host an event or took on additional responsibilities with the club in 2009.

Whaletales, our newsletter, is published monthly and continues to be upgraded often. It earned a 2nd place in its class at the 2009 Parade. The newsletter contains at least one member biography so members can become more acquainted with one another and network. The first quarter of the year also held a trivia contest, with the prize being a gift certificate towards the spring opener dinner. Several members have not been able to attend events competed in the contest electronically. They were excited to be able to "participate" in a FV region activity in this manner. We have little advertising in our newsletter, so of the 50 or so pages sometimes published, nearly all of it is informational text or photos of active members. In 2009, the twelve issues of Whaletales totaled 41.4 MB or an average of 3.5 MB per issue which translates into 551 pages or 45.9 pages per issue.

The FV region's website, fv.pca.org is a user-friendly and informational website. Users can read our by-laws and charity guidelines, peruse current and past newsletters, view a photo gallery, check our region's calendar of events, and easily access the PCA website as well. Additionally, our events are posted on the pca.org, Porsche Clubs Worldwide, and Grassroots Motorsports websites.

Our technical advisor sent a survey to all members in October. Forty-one replies were received. Answers to questions about satisfaction with the club, meeting members' needs, etc. were all highly positive. Some responses indicated an interest in a rally or autocross, and more technical sessions. We are building those events into the 2010 calendar.

The region's library contains nearly 300 print and digital items and is housed at the Auto Clinic in Neenah, WI at

the business of membership chair/V.P.-elect. Items are checked out on the honor system and can be returned at any time. We have never "lost" an item to date. In general, the region spends about \$200 per year on new materials. Our librarian/archivist, Jim Haen, has done a diligent job for over twelve years. With some additional support from new member and newsletter editor, Mark Wilkinson, all nineteen years of newsletters are now on file, both in paper and digital forms, including jump drives.

We have several members who are "snow birds" and spend many of the winter months in FL. Many of them are active in the local regions there as they take their Fox Valley Region enthusiasm with them (Space Coast, Gold Coast, Everglades). One couple has volunteered to work in the timing and scoring tower for the 48 hours of Sebring for many consecutive years. We additionally have members who are active the Wisconsin 356 club, and the Concours D'Elegance with the Milwaukee region. Our region was also again invited to participate and show our cars in the 7th Annual Oktoberfest and German car show held in Chippewa Falls, WI, the third weekend in September. The by-laws from the FV region, updated in July 2008, were shared with the Bluegrass and Southern Indiana Regions, at their request. These clubs were reviewing their documents and asked for a copy of our region's by-laws as a model to follow.

The FV region has indicated interest in hosting a National Board Meeting and an Executive Council Meeting the past two years. As of this writing, no one has taken us up on our offer, but we would be most honored to host either one of your meetings in our region.

Prior to the close of 2009, the Fox Valley Region developed a very full and varied calendar of more than 30 events for 2010. These include, but are not limited to: First Tuesday of each month dinner socials (some include parking lot car shows), dinner and a movie night, Supermileage and Fox Valley Road & Track Classic charity events, two tech sessions with Chuck James (to be held at the dealership), a bus trip to the Chicago Auto Show and the Porsche

Exchange, a spring waterfalls tour to Upper Michigan, Kettle Moraine state parks tour, Ladies' Only tour to Door County, Lola Car show tour and potluck social, "Lap around Lake Winnebago" tour, 20th Anniversary celebration at Trout Springs Winery, Motorhead Picnic and rally with a motorcycle group from Chicago (including live music and a pig roast), a free picnic at the dealership, fall tour to southwestern WI, tech session at the Auto Clinic, Garage Taj Mahal tour (visit members' garages with lots of gadgets and interesting capabilities), "show & tell" dinner, rally in Keshena, at least five Saturday morning coffee and doughnut socials at the dealership, and the holiday party

The Fox Valley Region is deserving of the Ferry Porsche Trophy for multiple reasons. Two years ago, our region was struggling to survive. 2008 was a year of re-building and revitalizing, and 2009 was a year of great growth and forward movement. While we are relatively small and live in a sometimes Porsche-hostile climate, we are highly active twelve months of the year. Our members are passionate about their cars, and their enthusiasm is infectious. We absolutely exemplify "It's the people, not the cars" philosophy. The camaraderie amongst our members is truly remarkable and unique. Guests, visitors, and new members are always impressed with the friendliness and warmth of our club members. Families, including children, are always welcome. We have made tremendous strides in the past year with attracting new members, retention of members, number and variety of events, responsiveness to members' needs, keeping members informed of current events in Porsche news, spreading out our activities to all areas of our region, the quality of our newsletters and website, efforts of marketing, increase of attendance and participation at events, significant increase in the number of members volunteering to host events, charitable work and financial donations, consistent high levels of safety, increased level of communication, distinguished awards earned by two members at the 2009 Parade, use of banners to display our pride and presence at outdoor events, initiation and participation in cross-regional events, and mutually beneficial relationship with the local Porsche dealership.

Respectfully submitted by the
Fox Valley Region
Porsche Club of America on January 14, 2010

President, Andrew Opicka
Immediate Past President, Laura Prellwitz
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Treasurer, Larry Rogers
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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA FOX VALLEY REGION

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FVR 20th Anniversary
Saturday, July 24, 2010
Noon to 7:00 PM
Trout Springs Winery
8150 River Road
Greenleaf, WI

As we approach the Fox Valley Region's 20th anniversary celebration this year, some of the Fox Valley Region's history will be explored in the current day Whaletales.

In this article from the first edition of the Fox Valley Region's Newsletter, a group tour of Door County was described - and thanks to some detective work by several members, we have photographic evidence of that journey. Enjoy!

Door County Cruz

By Brian Laedtke

On October 13, 12 Porsches met at Hardees in Appleton for the first annual fall tour to Door County. After consulting several maps over several cups of coffee, it was time to hit the road.

With Jim Stephenson more or less leading the way in his 944, we headed north on Highway 41. Just before Green Bay we stopped to let our stragglers catch up and regroup. On the road again our next obstacle was the Tower Drive Bridge, almost had to downshift to 3rd to get over the top. Passing the hurdle, a couple of miles down the road we found the Racines napping in their car. Rumor has it Gerald started the car, fastened his seatbelt and shifted at the same time. Would like to see him demonstrate this sometime.

Time soon found us in Sturgeon Bay. Our next stop was in the park next to the Sturgeon Bay Maritime Museum for a much needed pit stop (remember the coffee?!). Wayne Zuege then led us to Egg Harbor via some excellent back roads, down hairpin turns, switchbacks and the like. Egg Harbor was having their annual art fair. Half the people from Illinois must have been there. We found a place in

town to pull off to let our by then split up Porschepiles regroup for our journey to Sister Bay. Excellent scenery with almost bumper-to-bumper traffic at 35mph. Nice ride until the last mile, a steep inclining clutch killing hill in 1st gear, at 10 feet at a time. We soon got through the worst of it and parked along a road leading to the parking of a shopping village with almost any type of store. (Don't tell the wives where this is!) But let me tell you, 13 Porsches parked in a row is an impressive sight.

Sister Bay was having their Fall Festival. Wouldn't you know it, we go there during their busiest weekend of the year! The roast beef sandwiches and brats were great when washed down with some "taste great, less filling". TIP: Never buy beer from someone that holds the empty cups in their mouth before they fill them! After an hour and a half of eating and browsing through the arts and crafts, it was time to move on.

The next stop was Cana Island Historic Light House. After sightseeing & some picture taking it was on to Bailey's Harbor for a pit stop.

When time came to leave Bailey's harbor, yours truly left for home. The club continued on to Sturgeon Bay to the Old Mill Restaurant for a tasty prime rib dinner. I'm sure that all who went on this tour will agree that we'll have to do this again next year.

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Fox Valley Region Door County Cruz - 20 years ago!



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20th Anniversary - PCA, Fox Valley Region

Dear Mr. Opicka,
Dear Porsche friends,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The 20th anniversary of the PCA Fox Valley Region on the 23rd of June is a very remarkable event in deed! This bears witness to the fact that a large number of very involved Presidents, as well as yourself, were able to keep members active and entertained with many captivating events over the years. The celebration of your anniversary at Trout Springs Winery is another demonstration of your dedication to Porsche.

On the occasion of your 20th anniversary, the Porsche Club Coordination would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the members, but also the Club management, for constantly spreading and preserving the worldwide ideas of Porsche Clubs. Through this you have added so much to the high reputation of the name and the Porsche marque.

In closing we wish you success and continued development in the years to come and of course an enjoyable anniversary in the spirit of the Porsche Clubs.

With our best regards,

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche
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Porsche Club Coordination


Paul Gregor

FVR Tour to Parade



**FOX VALLEY REGION
PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA**



Tour to Parade

Departing from 2 locations throughout our Fox Valley Region

Departure Date: Saturday, July 3

This year our region is proud to be closely located to the 2010 Porsche Parade. We have planned a tour down to the event. All registration for the Porsche Parade event should be handled at the main Porsche Parade website <http://parade2010.pca.org/>. If you are interested in our tour down to the event please RSVP to Andrew Opicka andrew@opicka.com by Friday July 2, 2010. Once we reach the event everyone is on their own and welcome to participate in the many activities Porsche Parade has to offer. Because the event is over a week's schedule your return trip home is at your leisure. I hope you can join us. - Andrew Opicka

Meeting Location 1 - Green Bay

Departing promptly at 7:00 AM

About 45 Mins to next stop

Mackinaw's Grill & Spirits 2925 Voyager Drive, Green Bay, WI

Please Register with Andrew Opicka at the meeting location.

Please note - Meeting
locations have been
updated!

Meeting Location 2 - Manitowoc

Departing promptly at 7:45 AM

About 2 Hours to next stop

Perkins, 4525 Calumet Avenue, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Please Register with Andrew Opicka or Laura Prellwitz at the meeting location.

Undetermined Food/Fuel/Bathroom Stop

Final Destination and Check

Arriving Around 2:00 PM

Pheasant Run Resort 4051 East Main Street St. Charles, IL 60174

<http://www.pheasantrun.com/>

<http://parade2010.pca.org/>

FVR Tour to Parade

Parade 2010 Schedule Highlights

<http://parade2010.pca.org/schedule.html>

Saturday, July 3

Welcome Tent
Check-in
Parade 101 Class
Concours Prep
Safety Inspection
Pirelli Welcome Party

Sunday, July 4

Porsche Concours d'Elegance (Including the Corral and Historic Display)
Safety Inspection
Free Night, Local Fireworks

Monday, July 5

Mobil 1 TSD Rally
Michelin Drive & Compare
Safety Inspection
Ice Cream Social
RC Car Competition
Driving Tour: Castle Rock State Park
Hospitality: Lincoln History Day
Porsche Concours Banquet

Tuesday, July 6

Michelin Autocross (Day 1)
Safety Inspection
Gimmick Rally: The Lincoln Highway
Tech Academy
Driving Tour: Route 66
Busing Tour: Frank Lloyd Wright/Oak Park
Hospitality: Wine Tasting
Mobil 1 Rally Banquet

Wednesday, July 7

Michelin Autocross (Day 2)
Golf Tournament
Tech Academy
Driving Tour: Road America - Includes track tours!
Busing Tour: River Architecture Tour and Chicago at Night
Hospitality: Beer Tasting
Free Night

Thursday, July 8

Technical and Historic Quiz
Tech Academy
Zone Challenge
Driving Tour: Starved Rock State Park
Michelin Autocross Banquet

Friday, July 9

5K Walk/Run
Volunteer Party
Busing Tour: Downtown Chicago
Porsche Victory Banquet
Chicago Region Driver's Ed - not an official Parade event

SAVE THE DATE!

July 2010

YOU AND YOUR PORSCHE ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
A SPECIAL GATHERING OF

PORSCHE 911 AND 912 1964 – 1973

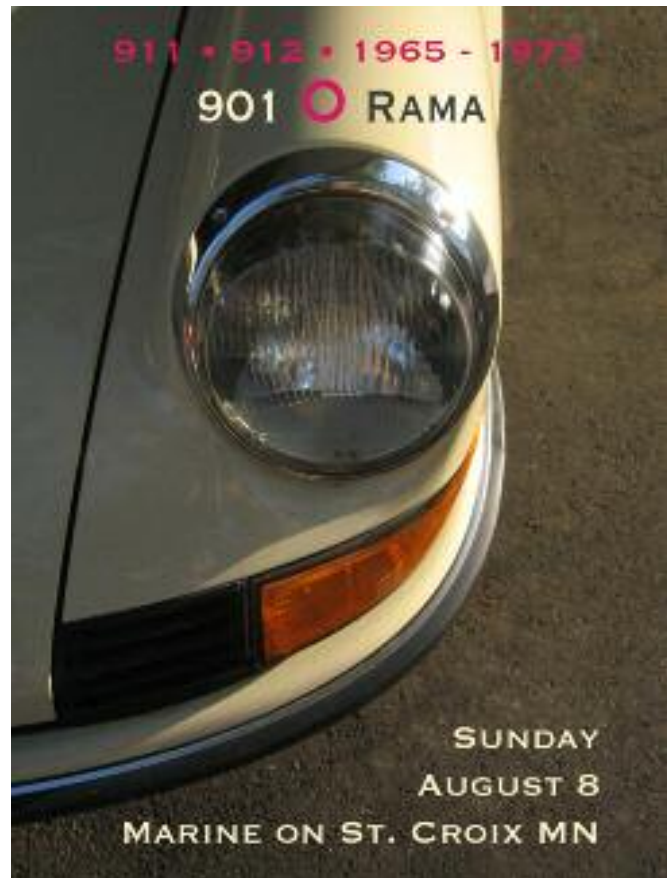
WE'LL MEET IN MARINE ON ST. CROIX
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

- **Take a Sunday tour** through the beautiful St. Croix River valley to one of Minnesota's oldest towns, the village of Marine. All owners are encouraged to bring their cars, no matter the condition. Several historic racers, early and original cars will be on hand.

- **911 / 912 cars will be placed for display by 10 AM** at Burris Park, next to the Mill Pond. Enjoy the sights and sounds of these early cars and spend some time talking to other owners. A special adjacent parking area is reserved for all other Porsches.

- **Lunch will be at noon** - you can pack your own picnic basket or let us reserve a box lunch for you. Grills and picnic tables are on site. Just a few steps away are the Brookside Grill, Olive's Neapolitan Pizza, the General Store Deli and the Village Scoop ice cream shop. Bring your own cooler for beer or soft drinks. Water and lemonade will be provided.

- **People's Choice awards** will be given in several categories, along with special organizer's awards for which you cannot possibly prepare, so be assured of a low key event. A decent wash and vacuum will be a good idea. We'll ask you for a \$20 donation for Courage Center in lieu of entry fees. There will be prizes, goodies and keepsakes for all entrants.



The drive to and from Marine (about 10 miles north of Stillwater) will make for a memorable day, as will the chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. Contact us for travel planning, scenic routes and nearby lodging. Map search: Marine, MN 55047

Display space may be limited, so please let us know your plans as soon as you can. Will you spend some time helping on event day? Contact Gordon or Mark. We look forward to seeing you on August 8!

Check for updated information at www.901orama.com (coming soon).

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Classifieds

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.

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Contact Tim Diedrich to discuss your ad today!

Advertising Chair, Tim Diedrich
advertising@fvr-pca.com



Luminox Watch Porsche 911 GT3 prepares for the 88th running of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb

Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Todd & Sheila Benz	DePere, WI	2001 Boxster	2008
David & Suesan Clark	Shawano, WI	2003 Boxster	2003
Dennis & Susan Garrity	Green Bay, WI	1956 356 1997 Boxster	1990
Bruce & Deb Harvey	Houghton, MI	1989 944T	1989
David & Kelly Hoem	Oshkosh, WI	1979 911SC	1990
Randall & Arlene Johnson	Neenah, WI	1974 914 1983 911SC	2007
William L. Kort, and son William V. Kort	Appleton, WI	1985 928 1985 911	2006
Arleigh & Mary Lynn Lueck	Appleton, WI	1986 944T	1991
Todd & Melanie Marohl	Green Bay, WI	1983 911	1993
Doug Neuser	Whitelaw, WI	1977 924	1987
Phillip & Julieann Petit	Appleton, WI	2001 Boxster S	1992
Greg & Linda Russo	Appleton, WI	1964 356C 2004 Boxster	1997
William Saler	Appleton, WI	2008 Boxster RS	1997
Debra & Bill Scholfield	Wausau, WI	2005 Boxster	2005
Tim & Judy St. Aubin	Appleton, WI	1999 Boxster	1992
Jim & Lisa Stephenson	Combined Locks, WI	1956 356 1957 356A 1959 356	1990

New Members!!!

Paul & Ina Tahlier	Green Bay, WI	1985.5 944
Jackie Larsen	Green Bay, WI	2006 Cayman S

The Fox Valley region now has 153 primary members with 129 affiliate members, for a grand total of 282 members. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership on time. It is greatly appreciated! With great driving weather finally here please invite fellow Porsche owners to join our region. Thank you to everyone who positively promotes our club to others with a passion for Porsche! Member to potential member is still our best method of recruitment.

New members may join online at www.pca.org, or contact Laura Prellwitz, membership chairperson, and let her know so she can send a paper application in the mail to the potential member.

From the Editor



The Learning Curve

Yes, time surely does fly!! It was only three years ago on July 7th when we acquired our '02 Boxster. It is an easy enough to remember date, 7-7-07. Three years and quite a few memories later, we are still quite happy with having made that decision. And it was only one year ago in July since we joined PCA, and since then we have made acquaintances with many other members, I can say that experience has also provided many memories, which make us happy to have joined with such a magnificent group as the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America.

I hope you enjoy this month's Whaletales; it is packed with local club event news, pictures, and of course - the Region of the Year Award document submission. While I had the opportunity to assist in developing that document early this year, it was truly the hard work and dedication of members past and present that got the Fox Valley Region to the place it is today. If we should earn the title of Porsche Club of America's Region of the Year for 2010 it will be because of the efforts of all of you who have been a part of this, most of you for much longer than I have been.

The year is nearly halfway through, and we have many great events lined up to carry us forward. Very near on the horizon is the Rally in Keshena area, hosted by Jim and Marlies Lowey on Saturday, June 26, 2010 in beautiful Menominee county. Chicago Parade will be in full swing shortly as well, and I'll also put in a plug for the Iola Old Car show cookout that Barb and I will be hosting at our home near Royalton on Saturday, July 10th. We are planning on a relaxing day geared towards both those who would enjoy spending time at the Iola Old Car Show, and those who would prefer to be enjoying the outdoors, whether it be tubing down the Little Wolf River, practicing some yard games, or just sitting back and socializing, We welcome all to visit and take part in these activities, and enjoy a meal in the afternoon.

And of course, the Fox Valley Region's 20th anniversary event, at Trout Springs Winery on July 24th near Greenleaf promises to be a great time. The celebration of 20 years of the Fox Valley Region PCA's existence will be made even better with your presence - so be sure to get your RSVP (see page 6) to Larry Rogers by July 15th.

It is looking to be a great summer, so let's enjoy the sun and the fun!

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