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On the cover



This incredible photo taken during the FVR Waterfalls Tour was provided by Jeff Mason, a Milwaukee Region member and photographer who participated in this year's tour to Upper Michigan's beautiful waterfalls.

From the President



Summer is finally here and it seems we are in full Porsche season. Road America, ALMS, F1, Fox Valley Region Porsche Club all are very active with all the wonderful events and races.

Please be aware we have been invited by the Milwaukee and Central Regions for many of their events as well. Our club has even have been extended a special invitation to join in the Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance this summer in Milwaukee, Porsche will be the featured marque this year so please check out their website and register if interested. I have participated in the past I and I can attest to it being a great event weekend, a great opportunity to stretch your cars legs, do so shopping, enjoy some cars, and take in the big city of Milwaukee. Website: <http://www.milwaukeeemasterpiece.com>

Be sure to join us for the July events. Have a great summer!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrew Opicka
President, Fox Valley Region
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FVR Calendar of Events

June	June 25, 2011 The 2011 Ladies Only tour Waupaca and Wautoma areas, hosted by Jeanne Strublic jjstrublic@centurytel.net and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net
July	Saturday, July 2, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor
	Monday, July 4, 2011 Cars 2 Movie Family Fun Movie Date. Hosted by Andrew Opicka Andrew@opicka.com
	Saturday, July 9, 2011 Iola Old Car Show Cookout. Hosted by Mark and Barb Wilkinson wlknsnm@wolfnet.net
	Saturday, July 30, 2011 Social at Trout Springs Winery. (please note the date has changed) Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker brchrvr@centurytel.net
August	Tuesday, August 02, 2011 August dinner/social in Shawano area. Hosted by Al & Pam Kuck akuck@crinet.com
	Saturday, August 6, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor
	Saturday, August 13, 2011 Chilton Steam Show and Fox Valley Region Porsche Display. Host Robert Geiser. rgeiser@milwpc.com
	Saturday, August 28, 2011 Dinner/social and tour in Door County, with possible visit to a private vehicle collection, hosted by Bob Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com
September	Saturday, September 3, 2011 5th annual car show at Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center, followed by a dinner social at the Prellwitz's home. RSVP to lprellwitz@att.net
	Monday, September 5, 2011 Labor Day picnic Hosted By George Payne. 82targa@att.net
	Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18, 2011 Fox Valley Region Fall Tour hosted by James and Cindy Janes. porschepj123@yahoo.com or irjanes@omscom.com
October	Sunday, October 2, 2011 2011 Garage Mahal Tour (Garages needed to tour) please email andrew@opicka.com (tentative)
	Tuesday, October 4, 2011 Tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog
	Porsche Tractor and Antique Tractor Field Day event in Sussex WI, rescheduled due to wet spring weather, date TBD, hosted by Robert Geiser. rgeiser@milwpc.com
November	Tuesday, November 8, 2011 November dinner/social, hosted by Barb and Charlie Wise
December	Saturday, December 17, 2011 Fox Valley Region Holiday Party Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net
2012	Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16, 2012 Fox Valley Region 2012 Fall Tour to Paradise, Mlichigan, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net

While it is still a long ways off, the FVR board has been active in developing plans for the 2012 calendar of events. Well attended favorites and time honored traditions such as the Annual Dinner Meeting in January, the Spring Opener in early May, Fall Tour, and the Fall Tech Session are being scheduled, along with some of the more recent additions such as the New Members Meeting and Flag Day Parade also being planned for. With the monthly dinner meetings, Saturday morning coffee and donuts at Bergstrom's - well the list is long and strong, but club member support is what really makes everything work.

If you have an urge to host a dinner meeting, or an idea for a club event you would like to share, please contact your FVR Social Chair, Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net and help your club grow even stronger.

Bits and Pieces

Gehört auf der Straße (Heard on the Road)

Below please find the Central Wisconsin Region Autocross schedule for 2011. As always, the members of the Fox Valley Region are welcome to attend.

At Columbus we typically lay out a tight, technical course. Sugar River is an evening event at a Go Cart track. The Rockford events tend to be more open due to the larger size of the Rockford Speedway. Cost is \$40 for PCA members. Helmets are required, and we may have some loaners available.

CWI-PCA Autocross schedule:

- June 24 (Fri PM) Autocross at Sugar River Raceway
- June 26 (Sun) Autocross, Columbus 151 Speedway
- July 9 (Sat) Autocross, Columbus 151 Speedway
- July 31 (Sun) Autocross, Columbus 151 Speedway
- Aug 14 (Sun) Autocross at Rockford Speedway
- Sept 11 (Sun) Autocross at Rockford Speedway

The Milwaukee region has three Autocross events scheduled this year. All three are on large parking lots. They also are running a novice school before the May 22 event. Please see their website for more details.

Milwaukee-PCA Autocross schedule

- July 3 (Sun) Miller Park
- Aug. 21 (Sun) Miller Park

On **Sunday, September 18, the German Car Show** will once again be held during the Chippewa Falls OKTOBERFEST being held the weekend of September 16-18. Last year there were 52 cars at this show, and Tom Etmund of the Oktoberfest Planning Committee invites everyone to make this event a weekend get away and enjoy the 3 days of fun, 3 stages of music and plenty of German foods to feast upon. Local motels are usually full this weekend so make reservations early.

As noted in the President's letter this month, the FVR PCA membership has been invited to attend the **Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance**, which celebrates automotive art and history hosting over 150 exhibitors from across the United States and Europe at Veterans Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront.

<http://www.milwaukeeemasterpiece.com>

We would like to see a good turn out from our members to support the Club Day presence for our region and zone. Registration for Club Day is \$15 per car. The deadline is July 1st although I spoke to Lindsay at JFS who is in charge of Club Day and she said as long as there is room for more vehicles she will be flexible about this. There is a limit of 500 vehicles and they request we stay for the entire period of the show. For Club Day we don't need have to perfect cars, we just need to be passionate about what we do have. Passion and Porsche go together well. We look forward to seeing you there. Discussions are in process regarding additional activities, i.e. dinner, etc in conjunction with this event. Please let us know if you are participating in Club Day as well at nebioblue99@gmail.com or kim87@earthlink.net so we can keep you updated on any PCA plans for the weekend. Registration for Club Day and any PCA events are separate, so Registration does not equal RSVP.

Proceeds from the Milwaukee Masterpiece benefit JFS, Inc., a 144 year-old comprehensive social services agency that assists individuals of any race, religion, income or lifestyle. JFS provides meals to homebound elderly; counseling for children, adults and families in distress; support to individuals with mental illness; and teaches life skills to those living with developmental disabilities - regardless of their ability to pay.

Upcoming Events

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Third Annual Ladies' Only Tour

Ladies, be sure to join us this year for a day of driving, shopping, eating, and laughter, Saturday, June 25, in the Wautoma and Waupaca areas, led by Jeanne Strubic. If you've ever felt intimidated driving with "the boys" or Mr. Wonderful always hogs the steering wheel, here's your opportunity to get out and drive your P-car with the girls only. Not a driver? Let Jeanne or Laura Prellwitz know and we'll help find someone with an empty passenger seat.

The general itinerary is:

- 8:15AM - If you're interested, Laura will lead a car caravan from Gordon Skog's Auto Clinic in Neenah, to Jeanne Strubic's residence near Wautoma. Otherwise, just meet at Jeanne's as listed next.....
- 9:30 - Meet at Jeanne Strubic's home. Jeanne will have light refreshments and snacks. Jeanne's address is N3060 21st Lane, Wautoma. Directions: From Hwy. 21 between Red Granite and Wautoma, turn north onto 22nd Avenue (look for the Waushara Community Church on the corner or the signs to Lake Alpine County Park). Follow 22nd Avenue north for approximately 3 miles (it will turn into 21st Lane). The Hideaway Bar is on the left directly across the road from the Strubic's home.
- 10:00 - Tour departs to Wautoma. Shopping time in Wautoma.
- 11:00 - Depart Wautoma, and drive to Saxeville with a 15 minute stop at a covered bridge.
- 11:45 - Leave and drive to Red Mill, where there is another covered bridge, gift shops, and scenic park with walking paths.
- 12:45 - Depart Red Mill and drive to Clearwater Harbor in King.
- 1:00 - Lunch on the waterfront deck (weather permitting), shopping, and stern-wheel paddle boat trip on the Chain of Lakes (\$10.50 per person)
- 4:00 - Re-group in parking lot. Optional stop at nearby park, or depart for home.

RSVP's are needed by Friday, June 17 to jjstrubic@centurytel.net or lprellwitz@att.net



2009 Ladies Tour



2010 Ladies Tour



Denied!

Upcoming Events

What: A plain 'ol Social & Cookout

When: Iola Old Car Show Weekend
 Saturday, July 9, 2011 - 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 tubing down the Little Wolf River and an afternoon buffet-style picnic meal and social for everyone to enjoy.

July 2011

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

Where: At the home of Barb & Mark Wilkinson
 N4975 County Road B, New London, WI
 Forget about the New London part of the address, that's just post office nonsense. Seven miles west of New London on Wisconsin 54 is the village of Royalton, heading north from Royalton towards Manawa on County Road B, we are less than 3/4 mile away from highway 54 on the left hand side of the road. These coordinates will put you at the end of driveway: 44.419057,-88.872769



Details: We are hosting at our home the second annual 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. The theme of this year's show--geared towards vehicles 30 years old or older-- is "Delightful Dodges and De Sotos" making this another great 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 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 with one of our private fleet of tubes and the optional "Beverage Barge" will float you to our back yard in two to three hours, depending on the rate of flow (I meant the river!). 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 really not necessary!



Contact: Barb Wilkinson rwdata@netnet.net or Mark Wilkinson wlknsnm@wolfnet.net

Upcoming Events

Keeneland Concours d'Elegance Lexington, Kentucky

David Patrick of the Bluegrass Region PCA would like to formally invite all FVR members to their signature event held in the Bluegrass. The Keeneland Concours has fast become one of the premier shows in the US. The show is the brainchild of several Bluegrass PCA members including PCA Zone 13 representative, Ken Hold. This is a weekend with many events that can be enjoyed by all. This year the car show will be on July 16th at the beautiful Keeneland Race Course. At the show there will be designated parking for cars of interest so you will have a great parking place for your Porsche! Last year we had over 100 Porsches' show up and park in the Porsche Paddock. We also won the Paddock Challenge which is a charity competition between the different car clubs. This year's marquee is Alfa and they will be having their national convention in conjunction with the Keeneland Concours. I anticipate a strong showing of Alfa supporters so we need to have a good showing of Porsches so we can win the Paddock Challenge again this year.

This year we will be hosting Caron Cooper from the national PCA office so we want to put on a good show. If you would send the message out to your members I would appreciate it. Check out www.keenelandconcours.com for specifics about the show and all the activities that go along with it.

What: Potluck Dinner & Bocce Ball Tournament

When: Saturday, July 30, 2011

Where: Trout Springs Winery
8150 River Road, Greenleaf, WI
www.troutspringswinery.com
44.24796, -87.91885

Details: Steve & Andrea Debaker, owners of Trout Springs Winery cordially invite the club to join them at the winery on Saturday, July 30 for a potluck dinner and of course, bocce ball in the vineyard. Event to start at 2pm and Steve will be giving a tour at 3pm of the winery and hatchery for anyone interested, with wine tasting to follow afterwards. Please bring a dish to pass; burgers, condiments and dinnerware will be provided by the hosts.

Contact: R.S.V.P. by the 22nd please to 920-864-7761
or brchrivr@centurytel.net

July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Club Secretary notes - June 7, 2011

John and Jeanne Strubic did a wonderful job of hosting the June meeting at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh. Nineteen Porsche enthusiasts from many parts of the region met for dinner, conversation, and door prizes.

Once again, thanks go to Linda and Bill Bein for their generous donation of four pair of Road America tickets for this year's June races. The tickets were raffled off to four luck winners and the proceeds will be added to our charity fund.

If you haven't participated in an event lately, we would welcome you to join us anytime. For more details on upcoming events, please see the calendar of events section in the front of the newsletter - Mary

FVR 2011 Fall Tour

		September 2011						
What:	Fox Valley Region 2011 Fall Tour	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
When:	Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18, 2011	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24



Where: The Four Seasons Island Resort, N16800 Shoreline Drive, Pembine, WI 54156 (715) 324-5244 or (877) 324-5244. GPS coordinates: 45.5672,-87.837297

Details: Reservations can now be made for this year's Fox Valley Region Fall Tour at The Four Seasons Island Resort in Pembine, WI, 109 miles from Appleton. A block of 18 rooms has been set aside but must be reserved by August 10, 2011; first come first serve - please tell them you are with the Fox Valley Porsche Club. Rooms start at \$139 which is \$20 off the normal price, and includes a buffet breakfast.

We will have dinner at the Four Seasons Island Resort on Friday; fish \$7.99 or \$8.99, or with all-you-can-eat soup & salad bar \$14.99. Saturday we will have a number of activities, some driving, some not, but all will be optional. Plans are also being made for lunch and dinner on Saturday.

For information on the Four Seasons Island Resort see www.thefourseasonsclub.com. Reservation should be called into Meghan at (877) 324-5244 extension 127 and reference Fox Valley Porsche Club.

Contact: Jim Janes at porschepj123@yahoo.com or irjanes@omscom.com for more information or notification after making reservations.



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FVR Waterfalls Tour Hosted by Al Curran

Thirteen cars from the Fox Valley, Milwaukee, and Central Wisconsin regions joined together the first weekend in June for another outstanding and delightful waterfalls tour hosted by FVR member, Al Curran, from Houghton, MI.

Several folks extended their weekend enjoyment by leisurely driving to Eagle River, WI, Friday, June 3, and exploring local attractions. The Days Inn was our home base for the weekend. About half of the entire group met for supper at Sweetwater, a popular bar/grill, where new friendships soon developed. Due to the warm and most pleasant weather, members enjoyed dining outside on the deck overlooking the Chain of Lakes. By Friday evening, nearly everyone had arrived at the motel and we spent some time in the breakfast area having highly intellectual conversations about the efficiency of PDK, the future of the hybrid diesel engine, how to replace



Knutson valves, what to do about leaking blinker fluid tanks, and where to purchase high performance muffler bearings.

Saturday's weather was absolutely picture perfect; clear, azure blue sunny skies and warm temperatures with a slight breeze. As per usual FVR tour behavior, several



Bond Falls parking lot - all 13 cars (all 911-type or Boxsters!)

FVR 2011 Waterfalls Tour

members were outside detailing their Porsches in the early morning hours and were admiring each other's cars. Pat & Linda Seroka from the Milwaukee region had recently taken delivery on a 2011 red turbo cabriolet, and the tour was a great way for them to break in the engine. Following the driver's meeting and friendly introductions, the group left the Days Inn about 9:00 AM and headed north to Bond Falls in Upper Michigan, known mostly famously from the Hamm's beer commercials of the 1970's. Unfortunately, just a few miles outside of Eagle River, a deer darted out in front of the tourmeister, causing some minor damage to his 2004 Boxster. The deer scampered off after the impact, and thankfully, no one in the vehicle was injured. After a few minutes to assess the damage and to settle a few nerves, the group proceeded on to the falls.

Bond Falls has a wonderfully developed wooden walkway, making it most enjoyable to see the falls from many angles and take photos. A foreign exchange student, Almu, from Madrid, Spain, was traveling with

Al (webmaster) & Ann Taylor and was thrilled with the falls and was excited to stick her feet in the cold water. She was a most delightful young lady who shared many comparisons and contrasts with her homeland to the scenery of Upper Michigan. For those of us who have become a bit jaded in life, or some times take certain parts of our life in America for granted, Almu provided a refreshing perspective on all that we are blessed with here in the U.S.

Leaving Bond Falls, we headed to Bonanza Falls, a smaller and less developed area, but still quite beautifully scenic. Al Taylor's 911 had a bit of trouble starting on its own, but with a little "Jim Power", it finally took off. (See photo) A group photo was also taken in the parking lot, and then we traveled north to Silver City, on the southern shore of Lake Superior, adjacent to the Porcupine Mountains State Park. Paul's Superior View restaurant welcomed us with a sign on their marquee, and provided a very delicious and reasonably priced lunch. Thanks to Al's thoughtful planning, our lunches were all pre-ordered



Al Taylor, webmaster, needed a little technical assistance from Jamie Prellwitz and Jimmy Haen to start his car...

FVR 2011 Waterfalls Tour

and nearly ready to be served upon our arrival. The meal concluded with delicious carrot cake that was still a bit warm from the oven. Yummy!!! The restaurant staff was very intrigued with our cars, so we parked them all in a line in front of the diner to give them a great photo opportunity. We were happy to oblige after the terrific meal they had served us. Lastly, Almu was "dared" to walk into Lake Superior up to her knees. She was shocked at just how cold the water was, but she was a brave soul for trying.

Leaving the restaurant, the group drove about an hour to Presque Isle Falls, which was at the opposite end of the Porkie's. Upon stopping there, the Prellwitz's pointed out to Nick Proctor, that there appeared to be something hanging down from the front of his car. With a little assistance from Gordon Skog, the offending part was discovered and removed. It was a piece of trim that had come loose. Nick's GT3 always adds some color to our tours!

There were two beautiful falls in this park, but the plank trail and many, many steps made them quite accessible (as long as you could walk the steps!). A few brave souls even ventured out onto the suspension bridge overhanging the mouth of the river into Lake Superior.

After the last stop, it was about an hour's drive back to Eagle River. We made an ice cream stop along the way, as the late afternoon sunshine had become quite warm. Everyone returned safely back to the motel and had about 45 minutes to rest, clean-up, and relax a bit before going to dinner at the White Spruce Inn. The gorgeous weather allowed us to sit out on the deck behind the Inn, so again, we had a nice view of the Chain of Lakes. Additionally, a "thank you" toast was offered to Al for all of his work planning and perfecting the day's tour. A few bugs started to become bothersome, so we ate our meal indoors. Following dinner, we enjoyed more social time back at the Days



FVR 2011 Waterfalls Tour Group Photo

FVR 2011 Waterfalls Tour

Inn and exchanged photos and memories of the day. Everyone in the group was amazing friendly and we had a lot of laughs together.

Several of us visited briefly Sunday morning at breakfast before returning home. Those that I spoke with agreed that the trip had been a spectacular experience that we would all remember for a very long time. Al hasn't committed to planning a third trip, but did say he has an idea for a "murder mystery" tour that could possibly be on the calendar for next year. Whatever he may plan, I can assure you, Al Curran will have a wonderful journey for our region.

Laura Prellwitz
Social Chairperson



Having fun on the beach of Lake Superior



Nick Proctor, dealer liaison for the FVR, makes a new friend, Terry Royals, from the MKE region, Friday night in the parking lot of the Days Inn at Eagle River



Al Curran's license plate

FVR 2011 Waterfalls Tour



Flag Day Parade

Several members from the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America were privileged to drive in the 61st annual Flag Day parade in Appleton on June 11, 2011. Member Fritz Wotruba, whose son is a member of Boy Scout pack 3012, invited the FVR to drive in the parade carrying several of the Boy Scout members. It was a terrific promotion for both organizations, as well an honor to drive in such a patriotic event. Robert and Hiltud Geiser, owners of a Porsche tractor, needed a different Porsche vehicle to drive in the parade, and Bergstrom of the Fox Valley generously donated a 2009 Boxster for them to use. We sincerely thank Bergstrom for their support and kindness.

The Boy Scouts and the FVR members had a fantastic afternoon together. The crowd's response to the cars was extremely positive, initiating lots of smiles, cheers, and "thumb's up" as the group passed through. The boys were also thrilled to be passengers in "way cool cars." We certainly hope to continue this annual event in conjunction with the Boy Scouts in the future. When the call goes out next spring for volunteers, please considering replying favorably.

This year's volunteers were: Craig and Janel Reich, Robert & Hiltud Geiser, Laura Prellwitz, Andrew Opicka, Nick Proctor, Larry Rogers, Fritz Wotruba, and Tom Robl.

Thanks again to Fritz Wotruba allowing us to support the Boy Scouts of America and for organizing our club's participation in this honorable community event.



Lining up for the Flag Day Parade



Staging area for Flag Day parade



The Reich's show their patriotic spirit



Boys Scouts and FVR for Flag Day parade

Le Mans 24 Hours

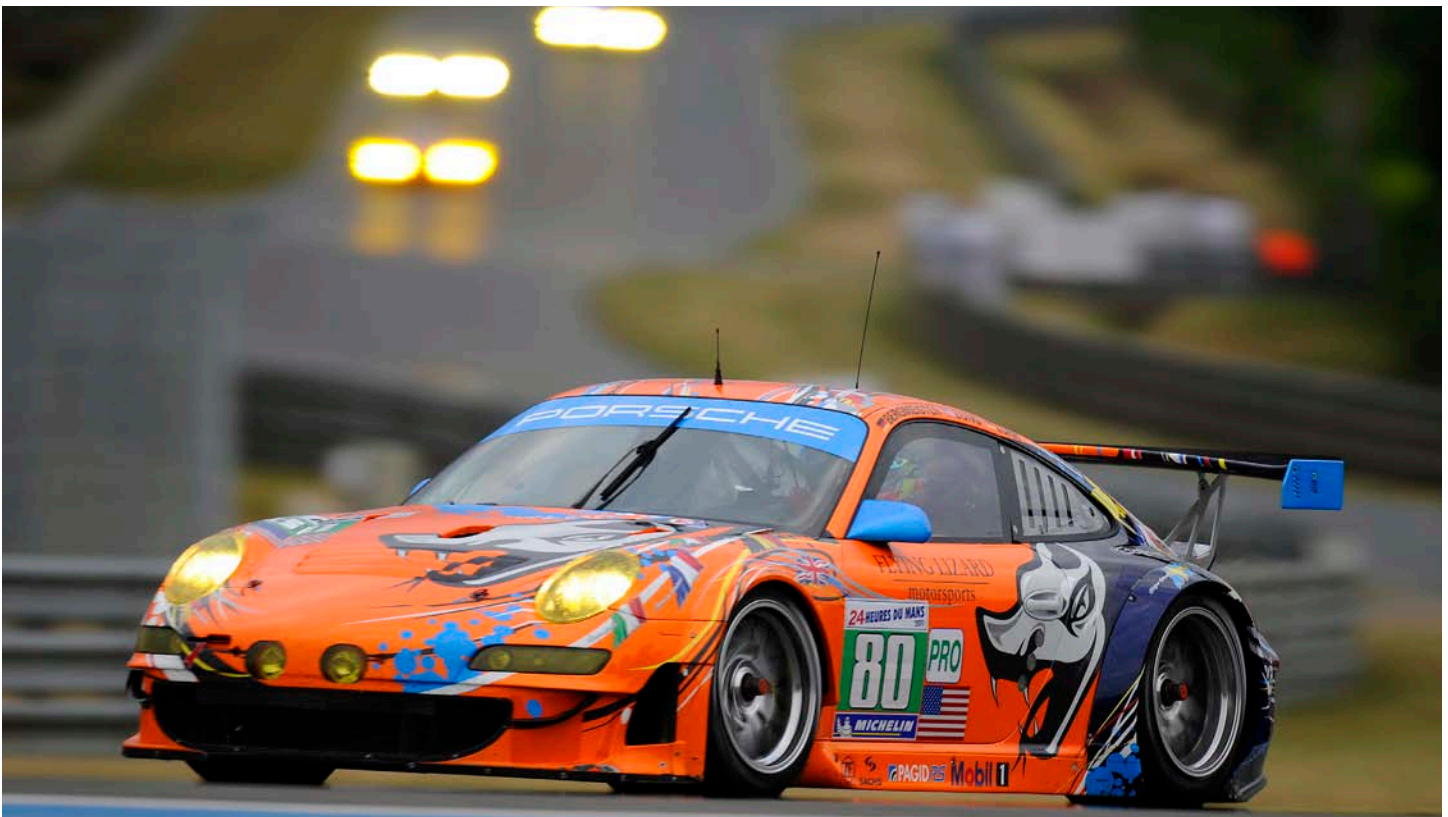
Four Porsche 911 GT3 RSR amongst the top eight

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

Stuttgart. Last year's winners narrowly missed out on the podium at the 79th running of the long distance classic. After 24 hours, the Felbermayr-Proton team with Porsche works drivers Marc Lieb (Germany), Richard Lietz (Austria) and Wolf Henzler (Germany) received the flag as fourth in the GTE Pro sports car class. The French IMSA Performance Matmut squad clinched fifth place ahead of Flying Lizard Motorsports from the USA. The 911 of the Belgian ProSpeed Competition team crossed the finish line at the Le Mans 24 Hours in eighth. In the GTE Am class, where only one professional race driver is permitted per vehicle and only last year's vehicles are eligible to race, the French Larbre Competition team celebrated second place with the 911 GT3 RSR.

Hartmut Kristen, Head of Porsche Motorsport: "All of our teams took off into the race well prepared. Under the most difficult circumstances, the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR proved to be enormously durable and reliable. Unfortunately our teams had to cope with two accidents. You could clearly see the performance differences that are a direct result of the current Balance of Performance ratings. Unfortunately the fastest 911 GT3 RSR were affected by the phenomenon that they couldn't turn the number of laps per set of tyres that were calculated which meant some extra pit stops for tyre changes. Under these conditions we can be satisfied with the results - especially in the GTE Am class where our team claimed a spot on the podium. I congratulate all the teams, drivers and partners who have contributed to this good result."

Like in 2010, the best-placed Porsche crew put in a brilliant drive with high reliability in all areas. Drivers Marc Lieb, Richard Lietz and Wolf Henzler drove an immaculate race that was punctuated by many accidents and safety car phases. Only in the early stages of the race, the team lost more than one lap, first at the red light on the exit of the pitlane, then due



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Flying Lizard Motorsports: Jörg Bergmeister, Patrick Long, Lucas Luhr

Le Mans 24 Hours

to tyre damage which also required repairs to the car body. Other than that, the blue 911 GT3 RSR only came into the pits for tyre changes and refuelling. Under the leadership of team boss Christian Ried, the pit crew of the Felbermayr-Proton team again shone with very fast pit stops.

Porsche works driver Patrick Pilet (France) also lost time in the jam at the red light of the pitlane exit. Shortly before midnight, Pilet and his driver colleagues, team owner Raymond Narac and his French compatriot Nicolas Armindo were ranking eighth in the GTE Pro class. With consistent lap times and a perfectly-running 911, the trio with the two seasoned Le Mans campaigners Pilet and Narac and the 24 hour rookie Armindo fought their way up to fifth place.

The pilots of Flying Lizard Motorsports can look back on a lively marathon. In the opening phase of the race, the set-up was not perfect, and they also had to contend with tyre damage. For a while, works drivers Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) and Patrick Long (USA) as well as Lucas Luhr (Germany) held a promising fourth place, only to fall back to eighth with technical problems. After a difficult race, the trio were satisfied to finally bring home sixth place.

Fight to the finish - that was also the motto of the Belgian squad. Works driver Marco Holzer (Germany), Belgium's Marc Goossens and Jaap van Lagen from the Netherlands had all but worked their way nearly into the lead after the first third of the race but finally finished in eighth place after losing time with two minor repair stops. The untiring mechanics of ProSpeed Competition received a very special honour: They won the "Prix ESCRA", an award that has been endowed for the 36th time to the best pit crew of the entire race.

In the GTE Am category, Larbre Competition were thrilled with second place in a 2010-spec 911 manned by the all-French line up of Christophe Bourret, Pascal Gibon und Jean-Philippe Belloc. Two 911 GT3 RSR retired after accidents that were not their fault. One of those affected was the sister car of Felbermayr-Proton. Suffering tyre damage Abdulaziz Al Faisal



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, IMSA Performance Matmut: Raymond Narac, Patrick Pilet, Nicolas Armindo

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(Saudi Arabia) flew from the track in the fast Indianapolis corner. Luckily, Al Faisal climbed out uninjured, but the Pro-911, which he shared with Nick Tandy (Great Britain) and Bryce Miller (USA), was so badly damaged that the team was unable to repair it. Contesting the GTE Am class, Horst Felbermayr Senior (Team Proton Competition) fell victim to an opponent at 8.00 a.m. when his 911 GT3 RSR was hit hard on the driver's side. The Austrian was transported to hospital for a medical examination.

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GTE Pro class

1. Garcia/Milner/Beretta (E/USA/MC), Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR1, 314 laps
2. Fisichella/Bruni/Vilander (I/I/FIN), Ferrari 458 Italia, 314
3. Priaulx/Müller/Hand (GB/D/USA), BMW M3 GT, 313
4. Lieb/Lietz/Henzler (D/A/D), Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 312
5. Pilet/Narac/Armino (F/F/F), Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 311
6. Bergmeister/Long/Luhr (D/USA/D), Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 310
8. Holzer/Goossens/van Lagen (D/B/NL), Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 293

GTE Am class

1. Gardel/Canal/Bornhauser (CH/F/F), Chevrolet Corvette C6-ZR1, 302 laps
2. Bourret/Gibon/Belloc (F/F/F), Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 301



Podium (l.-r.): Christophe Bourret, Jean-Philippe Belloc, Pascal Gibon

Le Mans 24 Hours

Facts and figures

This is the Le Mans 24 Hours

With grid line-up of 55 vehicles, the 24 Hours of Le Mans consists of two different sports car categories: sports prototypes and modified standard sports cars. The technical regulations of the European Le Mans Series (LMS) and the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) correspond to those of the 24 hour race. All race cars start together in Le Mans; there is an overall classification and a classification for individual classes.

The four classes in Le Mans:

- GTE Pro class: The most popular class of car manufacturers (formerly run as the GT2 class) is traditionally the best supported: Modified sports cars with up to 500 hp and a minimum weight of 1,245 kilograms.
- GTE Am class: Like the GTE-Pro, but with the 2010-vehicle specifications. Moreover, the regulations stipulate that each vehicle must have one professional driver at the most.
- LMP1 class: Sports prototypes with up to 550 hp and a 900 kilogram minimum weight.
- LMP2 class: Sports prototypes of around 440 hp, GT-class homologated engines and a 900 kg minimum weight.



24 Hours of Le Mans

Nürburgring 24 hour race

33 Porsche tackle the long distance classic in the Eifel

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

Stuttgart. A strong contingent of Porsche teams takes up the 24 hour race on the Nürburgring. Like last year, Porsche AG as well as various customer teams field 33 vehicles featuring the characteristic six-cylinder boxer engine at the 39th running of the long distance classic in Germany's Eifel region on 25/26 June. Eight Porsche works drivers contest Germany's greatest motorsport event at which Porsche has celebrated four overall victories in the last five years.

After an impressive 24 hour debut last year where it held the lead for eight hours witnessed by over 200,000 ardent spectators and grabbed headlines worldwide, the Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid returns to the Nordschleife this year with the starting number 9. The vehicle, however, has been substantially reined in by the organisers. After the latest reclassification, the combustion engine now delivers only 448 hp. Calculated over one lap, the further-developed 911 GT3 R Hybrid (Version 2.0) now delivers a lower system output than last year's vehicle with a combustion engine.

"This further reduction in performance by the organisers is incomprehensible to us," says Porsche Head of Motorsport, Hartmut Kristen. "There are no data from the two test races as part of the 2011 Nürburgring Long Distance Championship that would provide the basis for such a grading. Our goal was and is to achieve similar lap times to other GT3 vehicles, but with better efficiency. We feel this goal is the right one long term and very much regret that some officials in motorsport can't or won't yet come on board with this approach."

Sharing the cockpit of the Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid 2.0 are Porsche factory pilots Joerg Bergmeister (Germany), Richard Lietz (Austria), Patrick Long (USA) and Marco Holzer (Germany), who were all deeply involved in the vehicle



Porsche 911 GT3 R Hybrid, Porsche Team Manthey: Jörg Bergmeister, Richard Lietz, Patrick Long, Marco Holzer

Nürburgring 24 hour race

development. The efficiency of the innovative race car from Weissach was improved through targeted optimisation of the hybrid components. The general hybrid layout of the Version 2.0 was adopted from its predecessor. The output of both electric motors in the portal axle increased from 60 to 75 kilowatts each. They supplement the four-litre six-cylinder boxer engine which now only delivers 448 hp after the repeated power reduction. For seconds at a time, pilots now have about 200 hp more at their disposal, which is equivalent to ca. 32 hp of additional conventional power per Nordschleife lap. Depending on the programming, this electrical power is automatically activated through use of the throttle pedal. Moreover, hybrid pilots can manually call up this extra power, for instance when overtaking.

"We'll go all out to continue on from last year's strong performance with the 911 GT3 R Hybrid. It won't be easy against the strong opposition who have taken major steps forward, particularly since our car has been disproportionately handicapped," says Joerg Bergmeister. The Porsche works driver is looking forward to the Nordschleife: "It's one of the world's most beautiful race tracks. It's incredibly demanding but it's incredible fun as well. Every lap is a challenge."

This year, the winning Manthey Racing squad fields two Porsche 911 - a GT3 R and a GT3 RSR - sporting a prominent yellow-green design. Manning both vehicles is the winning Porsche works driver quartet, Timo Bernhard (Germany), Romain Dumas (France), Marc Lieb (Germany) as well as Manthey pilot Lucas Luhr (Switzerland), who have notched up over 50 major international titles between them.

Every year, Timo Bernhard is thrilled anew by the unique atmosphere of the non-stop motorsport party. "Driving on the Nordschleife is always an experience," says the Porsche works driver and Le Mans winner, who has contributed to all four Porsche overall victories here between 2006 and 2009. "Although you're constantly challenged as a driver and there is no chance to catch your breath over the long laps, you still don't want to climb out of the car."



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Manthey Racing: Marc Lieb, Timo Bernhard, Romain Dumas, Lucas Luhr

Nürburgring 24 hour race

Another Porsche factory pilot, Wolf Henzler (Germany), competes for the Falken Motorsport team. His teammates in the #44 Porsche 911 GT3 R are Martin Ragginger (Austria), Peter Dumbreck (Great Britain) and Sebastian Asch (Germany). Also hoping for a top result is the Haribo Manthey Racing (No. 8) line-up of Richard Westbrook (Great Britain), Christian Menzel (Germany), Mike Stursberg (Germany) and Hans Guido Riegel (Germany). With the all-German crew of Georg Weiss, Oliver Kainz, Michael Jacobs and Jochen Krumbach, the Wochenspiegel Team Manthey has proven Nordschleife specialists at the wheel of the #26 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Manthey Racing's Porsche 911 GT3 R (No. 10) is manned by another strong squad with Marc Gindorf (Monaco), Wolfgang Kohler (Germany) and Peter Scharmach (New Zealand).

The 39th edition of the Nürburgring 24 hour race starts on Saturday 25 June at 16.00 hours. Television station Sport1 broadcasts a total of over 13 hours live on Saturday (from 15.45 hours) and Sunday (from 07.00 hours) intermittently. A one-hour highlight programme of the race will be televised on Sunday at 22.30 hours.

Schedule Nürburgring 24 hour race

Thursday, 23 June	14.30 - 16.00 hrs, Free practice
	19.30 - 23.30 hrs, 1st qualifying
Friday, 24 June	14.00 hrs, Porsche press conference
	16.55 - 18.55 hrs, 2nd qualifying
Saturday, 25 June	13.30 - 15.10 hrs, Grid line-up
	15.40 hrs, Formation lap
	16.00 hrs, Start
Sunday, 26 June	16.00 hrs, Finish



24-Hour-Race Nürburgring

FVR Libraray Report

Ok, so the librarian has been a bit quiet lately. There's not much really new in the library in the last couple of months, and the publishing world has been a little slow like the rest of the economy. But let me assure you the assets of our library are well ahead of the retail curve.

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Membership Milestones



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Walter & Pat Freckmann	Sturgeon Bay, WI	1970 914	2004
Jimmy & Mary Haen	Green Bay, WI	1989 911 Carrera	1996
Jeff & Liz Harvey	Appleton, WI	2004 Boxster	2007
Robert Hawley & Jennifer Blahnik	Baileys Harbor, WI	1973 914	2003
Rick & Lori Otto	Appleton, WI	1974 911S	1994
Nick Proctor	Appleton, WI	2009 Cayenne Turbo S	1998
Jim & Evie Rossol	Baileys Harbor, WI	2002 911	2009
Bruce & Susan Simon	Oshkosh, WI	1989 911	2000
Gordon Skog & Debbie Houle	Neenah, WI	1977 930	1997
Steve & Bryan Smith	Green Bay, WI	2008 Cayman S	2009
John & Jeanne Strublic	Wautoma, WI	1975 911S	1997
Alan & Ann Taylor	Nekoosa, WI	1981 924	2008
Patti Jo Toellner	Neenah, WI	2003 Boxster	2010
Robb Tollefson	De Pere, WI	2002 911	2009
Michael & Bonnie Yokers	Stevens Point, WI	1985 911	1992

Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	
James Appलगren	Minocqua, WI	2009 Cayman	
Robert Huebner	Kiel, WI	1964 356	1999 (transfer)
Tanja Schadt	Menasha, WI	2008 Cayman S	

Our region's current membership is 289 total members; 159 primary members and 130 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

I am always somewhat in awe of the great list of events coming up that we are so lucky as to have the opportunity to choose from. And I'm not just talking about the local FVR events, but the 56th PCA Parade coming up at the end of July, hosted this year in historic Savannah, Georgia. And then there is the 2011 PCA Escape in mid-September, which will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona. In addition there are many great events hosted in neighboring regions as well, several of which you may have read about elsewhere in this issue of Whaletales.

One that really caught my interest is the Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance, to be held at Veterans Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront, with Club Day on Saturday, August 27, and the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, August 28. Please do take the time to check out <http://www.milwaukeeemasterpiece.com> and trust me, if you are at all interested in automotive history and appreciate seeing beautiful examples of it rolling by, their website will surely intrigue you.

All of these events are of course made possible through the efforts of individuals interested in sharing their passion for life with others. So, let's set about the business of seeing what it is all about, shall we?

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