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**May 2012**

**Ferdinand Alexander Porsche dies**  
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## On the cover



Ferdinand Alexander Porsche (1935-2012) is shown here in 1968 sculpting the successor to the model 356, the Porsche type 911, in this photo provided by Porsche AG Press Database.



# From the President

From the President's Desk;

On March 30th I was trying to get out of work by noon, to start my travels to Peoria Illinois for my first Presidents meeting. I was excited to meet other region Presidents and Ken Hold our Zone Representative and of course all the Porsche related discussions. So I finally get on the road at 4:30 to make my trek to Peoria, better late than never. Get to my Hotel at around 10:30, have a nice relaxing dinner at the Tilted Kilt across the parking lot and then turn in for a good night's sleep. Woke next morning, grab a cup of coffee and off to the meeting I went. Ken held the meeting at the local Porsche dealership and they gave us a tour of the facility before the meeting started. I must say that Ken put on a terrific meeting, kept everyone involved and covered all questions and concerns, while keeping the meeting moving forward. It was very enjoyable to visit with all the other Presidents and talk of their problems and successes that they encounter with their clubs. Hopefully I left all with a positive and memorable impression of the Fox Valley Region. I did behave the best I could, time will tell. I look forward to attending next year and not being the new kid on the block, I won't be as shy.

April started off with Jamie and Laura Prellwitz hosting dinner at the Lorelei Inn in Green Bay, Laura and Jamie always put on great events and this proved the same. Great food and atmosphere, and of course great friends to enjoy this with. Thanks to the Prellwitz's for all they do for the club.

This year things with the Porsche club has been very busy, much busier than prior years, I'm not sure if it's just me, the mild weather, or it's just more things going on or maybe that I am President, but there is just not enough hours in the day. I must say it keeps my thoughts on Porsches all the time. May is proving to be just as busy, starting off with the Spring Opener at Pipe, always the first great event to get your Porsche's out and usually great weather, this is always our best attended social event. Thanks Al and Pat Utecht for hosting this event.

Another event that has become very popular is the Spring Water Fall Tour, May 19th, all day Saturday and night. A fun 1/2 weekend event. Lots of fun and very scenic. I should be able to write a couple articles on my adventures from this event alone. Greg Rigoni is hosting this event from the U.P. Thanks Greg.

Coming in June more great events and into full summer, so mark your calendars. Ladies be sure to let Laura know if you plan on attending the Ladies Tour early enough. " you know how long it takes to plan anything for the ladies ".....just kidding.

Till next month, I will close in saying that am truly honored and enjoy being your President.

Thanks,  
Proud to be your President; Gordon



# FVR Calendar of Events

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May       | Saturday, May 19, 2012 - Sunday, May 20, 2012 Spring U.P. Waterfalls Tour, overnight stay in Norway, MI, hosted by Greg Rigoni. <a href="mailto:grrigoni@chartermi.net">grrigoni@chartermi.net</a>            |
|           | Sunday, May 20, 2012 Fox Valley Road & Track Classic - XII, sponsored by Roy Fine                                                                                                                             |
| June      | Saturday, June 2, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor                                                                                                                      |
|           | Sunday, June 3, 2012 Picnic at High Cliff State Park, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz. <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a>                                                         |
|           | Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Dinner/social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh, hosted by John & Jeanne Strublic. <a href="mailto:jjstrublic@centurytel.net">jjstrublic@centurytel.net</a>                                   |
|           | Saturday, June 23, 2012 Ladies' Only tour - Cedarburg for the 27th Annual Strawberry Festival, hosted by Laura Prellwitz. <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a> ++ Destination Change ++ |
| July      | Saturday, July 7, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor                                                                                                                      |
|           | Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2012 PCA Parade Salt Lake City, Utah                                                                                                                                        |
|           | Saturday, July 14, 2012 Iola Old Car Show, tubing, and potluck, hosted by Barb & Mark Wilkinson. <a href="mailto:mark.wilkinson@charter.net">mark.wilkinson@charter.net</a>                                   |
|           | Saturday, July 28, 2012 Social at Trout Springs Winery, hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker <a href="mailto:brchrivr@centurytel.net">brchrivr@centurytel.net</a>                                                 |
| August    | Saturday, August 4, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor                                                                                                                    |
|           | Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Dinner/social at Bavarian Inn, hosted by Larry & Pat Rogers                                                                                                                           |
|           | Friday, August 10, 2012 Milwaukee Region DE event at Road America ++ New Event! ++                                                                                                                            |
|           | Saturday, August 25 - Sunday, August 26, 2012 The Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance and car club show on the shores of Lake Michigan                                                                  |
| September | Saturday, September 1, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor                                                                                                                 |
|           | Monday, September 3 - Labor Day Picnic, hosted by George Payne                                                                                                                                                |
|           | Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16, 2012 Fox Valley Region 2012 Fall Tour to Paradise, Michigan, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz <a href="mailto:lprellwitz@att.net">lprellwitz@att.net</a>      |
| October   | Tuesday, October 2, 2012 Fall tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog                                                                                                                              |
| November  | Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Dinner social at Mackinaw's (tentative location) Host: TBD                                                                                                                          |
| December  | Saturday, December 15, 2012 Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. Host: TBD                                                                                                                          |

# May 19-20: Spring Waterfalls Tour

## New Date in May!

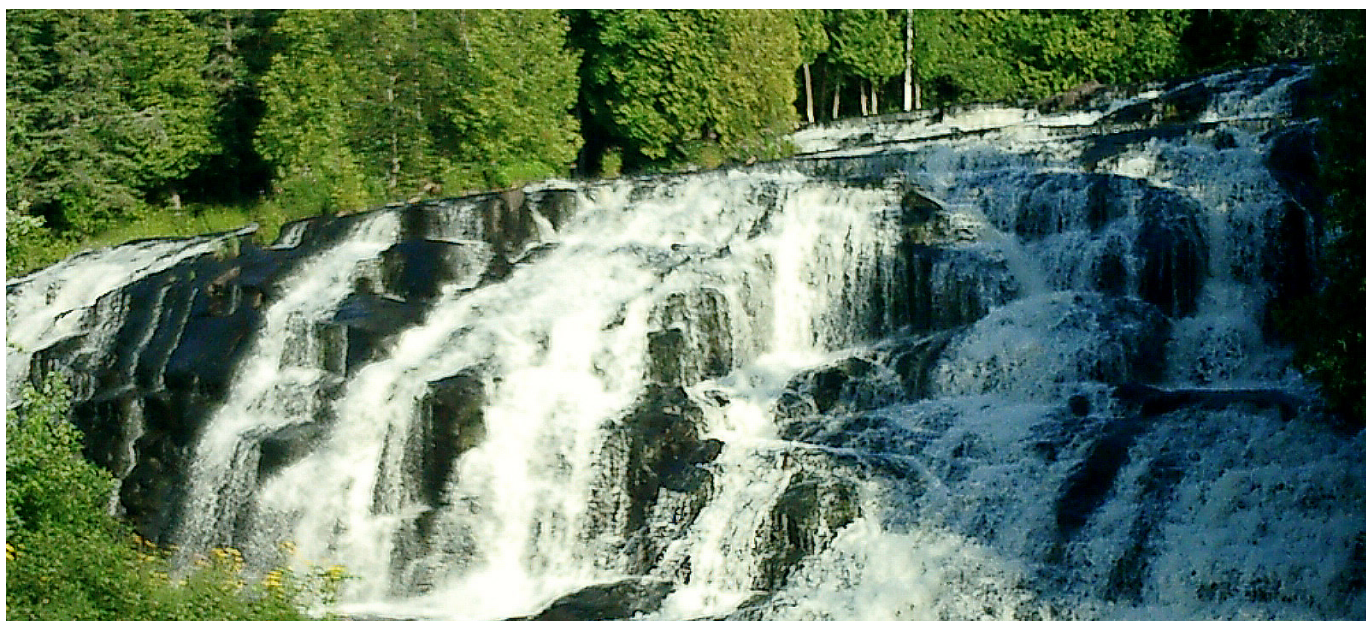
|       |                                         | May 2012 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| What: | Spring Waterfalls Tour                  | Sun      | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|       |                                         | 13       | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| When: | Saturday, May 19 - Sunday, May 20, 2012 | 20       | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |

**Details:** The third annual Spring Waterfalls Tour in the U.P. will be held in May. Please note this a change from the previously listed June dates. Tourmeister and resident Yooper, Greg Rigoni, will be hosting this year's event. The waterfalls spring tour has been a highly popular social and driving event for the Fox Valley Region - PCA and we look forward to having as many members as possible join us again this year.

Here's the scoop: Meet in Crivitz at 10:00 AM at the Piggly Wiggly. (President Gordon Skog will lead a car caravan from the Fox Cities if you're interested, so contact Gordon if you wish to join the parade [gord240z@live.com](mailto:gord240z@live.com)) Greg Rigoni will meet the whole group in Crivitz and will lead us from there. Waterfall stops will include Dave's Falls, Pier's Gorge, plus a few other scenic areas or smaller falls. Lunch will be at the club house at George Young golf course at 1:30ish. Evening dinner will be at Famers at the Pine Mountain ski area. A possible evening bonfire activity is being pursued.

We are staying at the Americinn in Norway, MI. There is a block of 10 rooms reserved under "Fox Valley Porsche Club". You must call the motel directly 1-800-427-4705; do not call the national toll free number. The contact person is Michelle Collins. Once you've made your reservation, please let Greg Rigoni know by e-mailing [grrigoni@chartermi.net](mailto:grrigoni@chartermi.net) Rooms are first come, first served and are \$84.91 with tax. Most rooms are two queen beds, but a few king beds are available for the same rate. Deadline for room reservations is May 4th.

Participants will return home at their leisure on Sunday.





# June 3: Picnic at High Cliff

## FVR Picnic at High Cliff State Park



June 2012

When: Sunday, June 3, 2012

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

Where: High Cliff State Park  
N7630 State Park Road, Sherwood, WI 54169

Hosted By: Jamie and Laura Prellwitz

Details: FREE State Park Admission and FVR Picnic at High Cliff!

Sunday, June 3, will be a great day to go for a Sunday drive! Members are encouraged to take a leisurely and scenic drive of their own choosing to High Cliff State Park, Wisconsin's only state park located on Lake Winnebago. Additionally, June 3, is FREE ADMISSION day to all state parks, so an entry sticker or fee is NOT required.

Jamie and Laura Prellwitz will have grills going from 11:00 - 1:00 PM. Hot dogs and brats, buns, condiments, table ware, etc. will be provided. Please bring your own beverages and a dish to pass (appetizer, salad, or dessert). You are welcome to arrive early and stay late to enjoy the many features of the park.

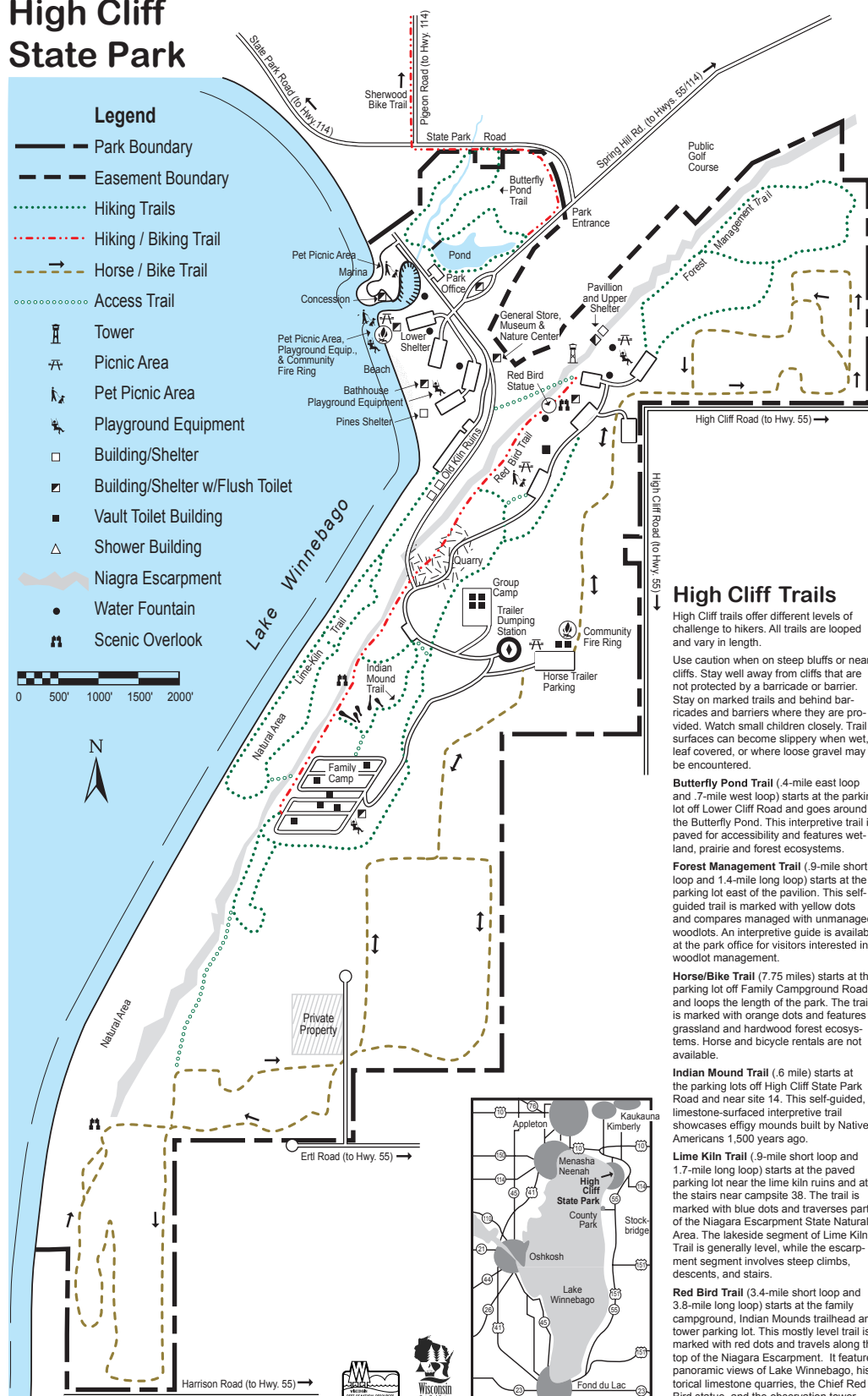
Unfortunately, picnic sites cannot be reserved. Therefore, we cannot guarantee where we will be in the park. However, we hope to set up at the picnic and lower shelter areas near the marina. See the map on the next page. If we are not there, please check the map for the other picnic sites.

For more information on the park go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/highcliff>

Contact: RSVP's due to Friday, June 1 to [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

# High Cliff Map

## High Cliff State Park



# June 5: Kodiak Jack's Dinner Meeting

## Dinner/Social Meeting at Kodiak Jack's

| June 2012 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Sun       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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When: Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Where: Kodiak Jack's Steak & Seafood  
[2059 Witzel Ave, Oshkosh](#)

Hosted By: Jeanne & John Strublic

Details: Please join us at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh for the June 5th dinner/social meeting. The turnout for this meeting is always terrific and we always have many favorable comments on the food and service. We will meet for cocktails at 5:00 in the bar with dinner following at approximately 6:30PM. Kodiak Jack's has a wide variety of menu items of all prices. We will be ordering off the menu and please note that the restaurant will add the tip to your bill. They have a wonderful table of snacks in the bar area until 6PM. Our meeting will be in a separate area with our own bar and salad bar so if you come in the main doors turn right to enter the bar and go all the way to the back and you will see the separate area that we will be in. We will be parking in the parking lot at the north end of the building and there also is a door there that will take you close to our meeting area.

Kodiak Jack's is just off of Highway 41 next to the Wal-Mart Super Center. The address is 2059 Witzel Ave., Oshkosh. It seems like every year there is road construction going on for our meeting! At the present time the ramp is closed at Hwys 21 and 41. Therefore, please take the 9th Avenue exit and take the roundabout west towards Burger King. At Burger King take that roundabout to the right (north). You will go past Wal Mart and VanVreedes and come to another roundabout. Take that roundabout to the third street (west) which is Witzel. Kodiak Jack's will be on the left hand side.

Contact: Please email us at [jjstrublic@centurytel.net](mailto:jjstrublic@centurytel.net) to let us know if you will be attending. We will need to have all responses by Monday, June 4th.

Hope to see you there!!



# June 23: Ladies Only Tour

## Fourth Annual Ladies' Only Tour



### >>>>> New Destination <<<<<<

In consideration of rising gas prices, travel time, and road construction, this year's ladies' tour has changed its destination to Cedarburg for the 27th Annual Strawberry Festival

When: Saturday, June 23, 2012

Details: 7:30 - 9:00 AM - Gather at Laura Prellwitz's home in Manitowoc for refreshments, light breakfast, and social time.

June 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  |

9:00 AM - Depart and head south on I-43. Optional stop at I-43 Park and Ride Exit #120 @ 9:30 to meet any other participants south of Sheboygan. (Some members from the Oshkosh or Fond du Lac areas may prefer to take Hwy. 41 South to Hwy. 23 East, then south on I-43).

10:00 - 10:15 - Arrive in Cedarburg and park in designated lot in Fireman's Park. A free shuttle is provided to downtown Cedarburg. Festival activities include: arts, crafts, wine tasting; 100+ food vendors, many food items featuring strawberries, live music throughout the grounds (variety of styles). More than 100,000 people attended last year's festival. Admission is free.

*Festival-goers will enjoy strolling the nine block Historic District which is on the National Register of Historic Places in downtown Cedarburg where the festival is held.*

2:00 PM - Meet in parking lot and depart. We will return north on I-43 and stop at Craverie Chocolate Café in Kohler for some social time and maybe a few more indulgences while overlooking Woodlake from the scenic deck.

For more details, check the websites

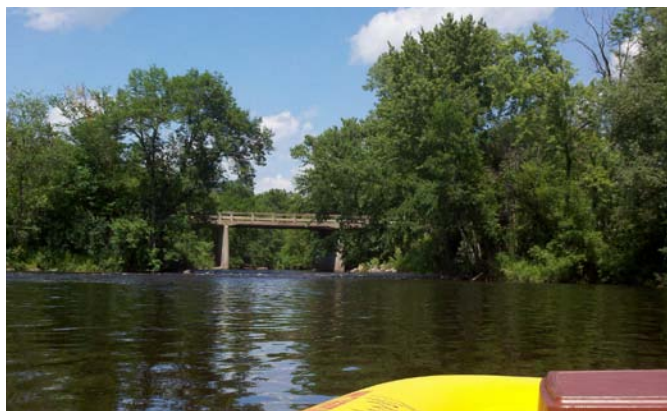
<http://www.cedarburgfestivals.org/strawberryfestival> or <http://www.shopsatwoodlake.com>

From Kohler, participants may take Hwy. 23 West to Hwy. 41 to return home, or take Hwy. 23 East to I-43 North.

Contact: RSVP to Laura Prellwitz by Thursday, June 21 to [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net) or call (920) 242-1644.

# July 14: Iola Old Car Show & Tubing

## Third Annual Iola Old Car Show & Tubing Picnic



July 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  |

When: Saturday, July 14, 2012

Where: [N4975 County Road B](#)  
New London, WI (6 miles west of New London, from Wisconsin Highway 54, take Waupaca County B 3/4 mile north of Royalton)

Hosted By: Mark & Barb Wilkinson

Details: We are hosting at our home the third 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 "21st Century Orphans -- A Tribute to Plymouth, Oldsmobile, Mercury and Pontiac" 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: Please RSVP to Mark Wilkinson by Thursday, July 12 [mark.wilkinson@charter.net](mailto:mark.wilkinson@charter.net)

# July 28: Dinner at Trout Springs

|       |                                        | July 2012 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| What: | Potluck Dinner & Bocce Ball Tournament | Sun       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| When: | Saturday, July 28, 2012 ++ New Date ++ | 22        | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |

Where: Trout Springs Winery  
8150 River Road, Greenleaf, WI  
[www.troutspringswinery.com](http://www.troutspringswinery.com)  
[44.2479, -87.9188](tel:44.2479.87.9188)

Details: Steve & Andrea Debaker, owners of Trout Springs Winery cordially invite the club to join them at the winery on Saturday, July 28 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.



A Sample of Goderstad Art

Artwork: Andrea and Steve would like to remind FVR members that the plan for having a local artist on site who could produce original artwork featuring the Porsche of a limited number of participating members is in place. The minimum start bid for an 11 by 14 is \$300 and would take about 4 hours to complete; please see the artist bio and sample of his work.

Artist bio - Paul Goderstad

Turning the scenic outcasts into beauty is the attraction that drives Paul Goderstad's artwork. Colorful and bold renditions are created from otherwise overlooked and forgotten places and subjects. Around the corner, behind the shed is where Paul finds subject matter, believing that a good design can yield pleasure for the viewer in an unexpected way.

Primarily self taught but taking workshops from artists Ken Dewaard and Bonnita Budysz have given Paul fresh insight into his bold and colorful expression.

Organizational affiliations include:  
Water's Edge Artists (WEA), 2009-present  
Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) juried calendar inclusion 2011 and 2012.

Contact: R.S.V.P. by July 20th please to (920) 864-7761 or [brchrivr@centurytel.net](mailto:brchrivr@centurytel.net)



# September 14-16: FVR Fall Tour

What: Fall Tour to Paradise 2012, or "Choose Your Adventure"

When: Friday, September 14 to Sunday, September 16

Where: Manistique, Michigan

Hosted By: Jamie and Laura Prellwitz

Details: September 14-16 Fall Tour Update

September 2012

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Accommodations at EconoLodge Manistique, MI, \$65 per night, any room until 8/15/12. Call the hotel directly 906-341-6014 to make your reservation ("Fox Valley Porsche Club")

Exterior view of the Econo Lodge in Manistique, facing Lake Michigan. All rooms have an exterior entrance with parking directly outside the room. Large breakfast/meeting room adjacent to lobby.



Our first stop on Friday will be in Wallace, MI at the De Young Family Zoo.

One of optional stops on the return trip home on Sunday will be Palms Book State Park, or Kitch-iti-ki-pi. Take the raft across the spring fed lake to see large trout swim in crystal clear water. Sorry, no fishing allowed.



Saturday's "long drive" option is destination [Whitefish Point](#).

**However, we can't have F\_N if we're missing U!**

Please join us on our thirteenth annual fall tour. For more specific details or to make an RSVP's by August 15, 2012 please contact Jamie or Laura Prellwitz at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

# Fall Tour Update!

## September 14-16 Fall Tour Update

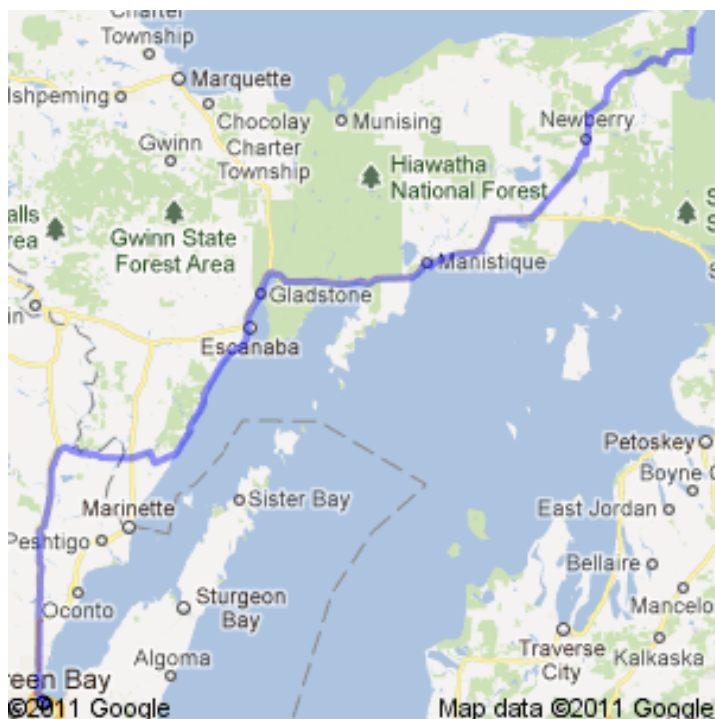
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Tahquamenon Falls, just one of the beautiful scenic stops we will visit on our tour to Paradise!



Yes, there really is a Paradise!



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Please join us on our thirteenth  
annual fall tour.

For more specific details or to make  
an RSVP's by August 15, 2012  
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### 2012 Escape - Eureka Springs, Arkansas - November 8-11

Escape is one of the "big" Porsche Club events of the year. It's often the case that the Parade is on one coast or the other, and not everyone has the time or budget for a trip like that, perhaps all the way across the country. Escape provides you with another option.

Escape, like the Parade, moves around each year and is typically held on the opposite side of the country from the Parade. It is a multi-event weekend, with a national attendance list. While the Parade has a competitive focus, Escape is purely non-competitive. It is a socially oriented weekend focusing on camaraderie and friendship. It is a great opportunity to show off your car, see old friends, make new ones, and enjoy the good will and fellowship of other Porsche owners. All this without the pressure of: "Did I miss that speck of dirt?" or "Is this the fastest line through the track?" or "Was that a rally landmark?"

Typically a long weekend, such as Thursday through Sunday, Escapes usually consists of banquets, driving tours, drives to local area attractions and perhaps a "People's choice" car show. Other activities may include an "off road" event for our Cayenne enthusiasts. There may also be organized group lunches or free time (either day or evening) to allow you to explore area restaurants and culture on your own. Memorabilia of the Escape or the local region may be available for purchase at a goodie store. The primary goals are to provide a fun venue for club members to congregate and show off the highlights of a new part of the country.



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# Lorelei Inn Dinner

Jamie and Laura Prellwitz hosted the April FVR dinner at Green Bay's "reportedly haunted" Lorelei Inn on Tuesday, April 3rd. In addition to enjoying the authentic German food on the menu, club officers in attendance got down to business to discuss planned and potetnial upcoming events.



Wo ist der Brot and Salad? (Prellwitz Photo)



President Gordon Skog presents Laura Prellwitz with a Certificate of Appreciation for planning the social and dinner (Prellwitz Photo)



President Gordon Skog presents a Certificate of Appreciation to David Hack, one of the owners (and working bartender) of the Lorelei Inn (Prellwitz Photo)



# Lorelei Inn Dinner



Fourteen members attended the social and dinner at the Lorelei Inn on April 3 (Prellwitz Photo)



Several members drove their P-cars to the event (Prellwitz Photo)



# Ferdinand Alexander Porsche dies

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

## Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG mourns great designer

Stuttgart. Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is mourning Professor Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. The Honorary President of the Supervisory Board died on 5 April 2012 in Salzburg, aged 76. Matthias Müller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Porsche AG, paid tribute to Ferdinand Alexander Porsche's services to the sports car manufacturer: "We mourn the death of our partner, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. As the creator of the Porsche 911, he established a design culture in our company that has shaped our sports cars to this very day. His philosophy of good design is a legacy to us that we will honour for all time."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was born in Stuttgart on 11 December 1935, the oldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche. Even his childhood was shaped by cars, and he spent much of his time in the engineering offices and development workshops of his grandfather Ferdinand Porsche. In 1943 the family accompanied the Porsche company's move to Austria, where he went to school in Zell am See. After returning to Stuttgart in 1950, he attended the private Waldorf school. After leaving school, he enrolled at the prestigious Ulm School of Design.

In 1958, F.A. Porsche, as he was known by his colleagues, joined the engineering office of what was then Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche KG. He soon proved his great talent for design by sculpting the first model of a successor to the 356 model line out of plasticine. In 1962 he took over as head of the Porsche design studio, creating a worldwide furore one year later with the Porsche 901 (or 911). With the Porsche 911, F.A. Porsche created a sports car icon whose timeless and classical form survives to this very day in what is now the seventh 911 generation. However, in addition to passenger cars, F.A. Porsche also concerned himself with designing the sports cars of the 1960s. His best-known designs include the Type 804 Formula One racing car or the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, now considered to be one of the most beautiful racing cars ever.

In the course of the conversion of Porsche KG into a joint-stock corporation in 1971/72, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, along with all the other family members, stood down from the company's front-line business operations. In 1972 he founded the "Porsche Design Studio" in Stuttgart, the head office of which was relocated to Zell am See in Austria in



Ferdinand Alexander Porsche with 911 Carrera 2 3,6 Coupé Mj. 1992 (Porsche AG Press Database)

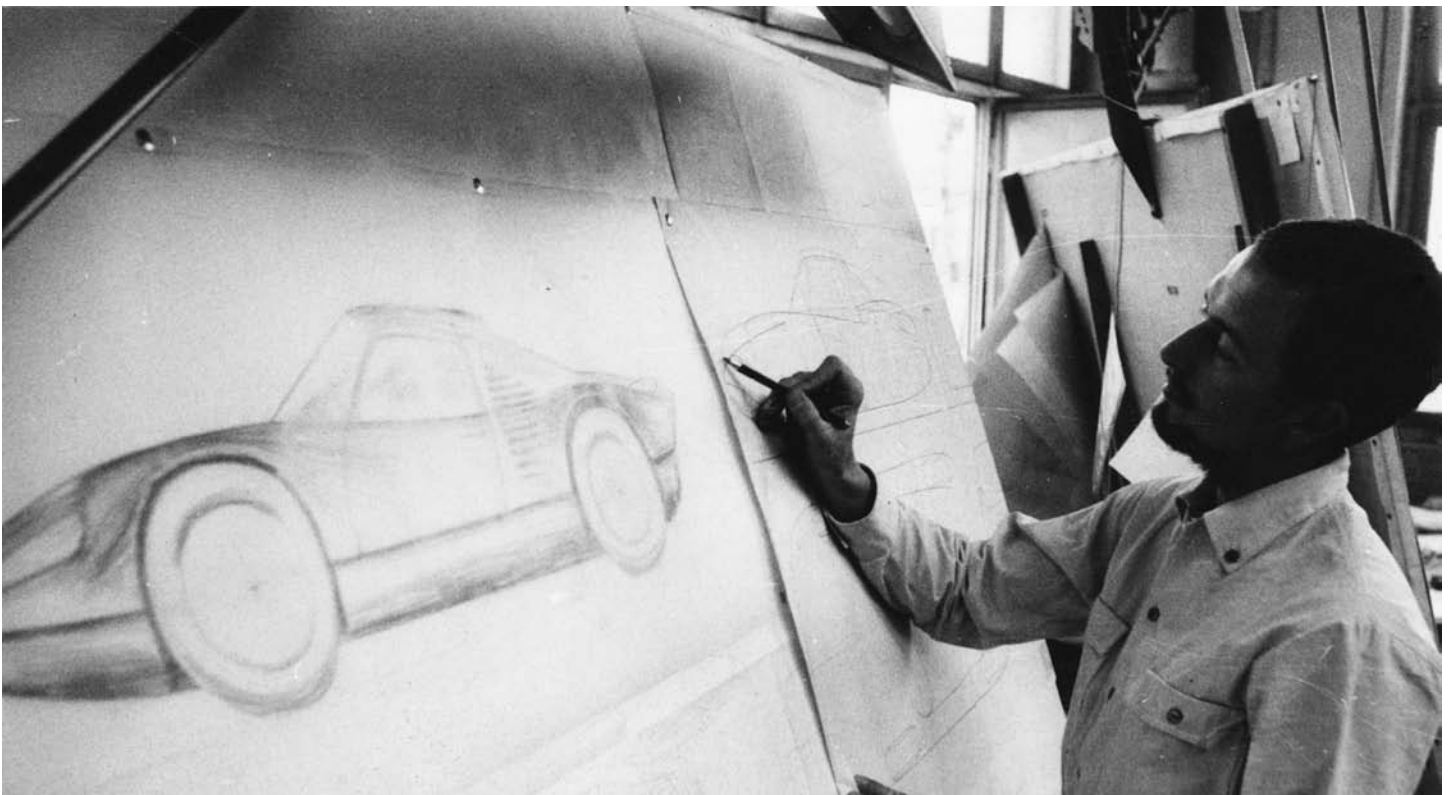
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1974. In the decades that followed, he designed numerous classic gentlemen's accessories such as watches, spectacles and writing implements that achieved global recognition under the "Porsche Design" brand. In parallel, with his team, he designed a plethora of industrial products, household appliances and consumer durables for internationally renowned clients under the brand "Design by F.A. Porsche". A strong and clear design concept typifies all product designs created in his design studio to date. The credo of his design work was: "Design must be functional and functionality has to be translated visually into aesthetics, without gags that have to be explained first." F.A. Porsche: "A coherently designed product requires no adornment; it should be enhanced by its form alone." The design's appearance should be readily comprehensible and not detract from the product and its function. His conviction was: "Good design should be honest."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche received numerous honours and awards both for his work as a designer as well as for individual designs. For example, in 1968 the "Comité Internationale de Promotion et de Prestige" honoured him for the outstanding aesthetic design of the Porsche 911 while the Industrial Forum Design Hannover (iF) voted him "Prizewinner of the Year" in 1992. In 1999, the President of Austria bestowed on him the title of Professor.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche retained a close lifelong association with Porsche AG as a partner and member of the Supervisory Board. For example, even after stepping down from front-line business operations, he contributed to the design of Porsche's sports cars over many decades and repeatedly steered the company in the right direction. This was especially the case for the difficult period Porsche experienced at the beginning of the 1990s. From 1990 to 1993, F.A. Porsche served as President of the company's Supervisory Board, thus playing a major role in Porsche A.G.'s economic turnaround. In 2005, he stood down from his Supervisory Board role in favour of his son Oliver and assumed the mantle of Honorary President of the Supervisory Board.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche will be buried in the family grave at Schüttgut in Zell am See, attended by his immediate family. An official funeral service will be held in Stuttgart at a later date.



Ferdinand Alexander Porsche in his Designoffice (1963) (Porsche AG Press Database)



# Porsche Swap Meet at Hershy PA

Source: Gordon Skog

FVR members report out on trip to the Porsche-only swap meet at Hershy, Pennsylvania.

On April 19th a group of eight guys headed to Hershey Pennsylvania to attend the annual Porsche only swap meet. Local club members Jim Stephenson, Dennis Olson, Al Taylor, Dan Pankratz, Doug Darrah, Gordon Skog, Dave Zimmer and Curt Crowell rented a van and bravely drove to Hershey; it was a memorable and fun filled trip for all. Meeting at Auto Clinic and packing the van with parts to sell at the swap meet midday on Thursday we headed out picking up some of the guys on the way. We made it as far as somewhere in Ohio and stopped to spend the night. Tired and weary from our travels we checked into the first hotel we stopped at. Boy what a mistake. Some of us had to recheck in to the rooms a couple of times because the rooms were not made up. A couple of the guys either didn't sleep at all or slept with their clothes on. Should have just rented the room by the hour like it seemed that's what this hotel normally did. Next morning got up early and hit the road to Hershey. Our spirits were not broken!



Left: to right - Al Taylor, Doug Darrah, Dave Zimmer, Jim Stephenson, Gordon Skog, Dennis Olson, and Curt Crowell (Dan Pankratz behind the camera)

Friday afternoon we arrived into Hershey and went to an Auto Museum. We informed them who we were and the Museum Director came out and gave us a private tour, fantastic cars and motorcycles, no Porsche's, but still a great time and Museum. We then headed to our hotel to freshen up, this hotel was way better than the first. Friday night we met with our friend Paul Heid, who had flown out to attend the swap meet. We then went out for dinner, good food and atmosphere. After dinner we returned to our hotel rooms, for a good night's sleep. Got up early Saturday morning, grab some coffee and head out to the swap meet. Get into the grounds of the swap meet and unpack the van to sell our wares. While one guy mans the van and sells the parts we brought, the others roamed the grounds in search of parts they needed for themselves. As the morning progressed the swap meet kept growing larger and larger. More vendors, more people, more Porsches! By noon things were in full force. There had to be more than 1500 Porsches in the parking lot, Every year make and model, old and new, from all over the US and Canada. Not enough time to see it all. At 1:00 we packed up our van and headed home. We decide to drive straight thru, getting us home about 4:00am Sunday morning. I am sure no one went to church that Sunday morning as all were glad to be back in their own beds.

Thanks Jim Stephenson for putting this together, we all had a very fun and memorable time. This whole trip had great weather, conversations and memories. Normally Greg Russo goes on these trips with us, but could not make this trip because of a schedule conflict. He is the one in charge of bringing the music and cd's, so it was kinda quiet until Jim started talking. We missed you, maybe next year. Also thanks to all the wives that baked cookies for me, they were great and yes I did share with the other guys. Over 1800 miles and no breakdowns or accidents or figns.

Great time, Gordon



# World Endurance Championship

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

## World Endurance Championship, round 2 in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium

### Porsche pilots look forward to a very special challenge

Stuttgart. On the storied Spa-Francorchamps race track in Belgium round two of the World Endurance Championship is held on 5th May. Porsche works drivers Marc Lieb (Germany) and Richard Lietz (Austria) contest the LMGTE Pro class at the wheel of Felbermayr-Proton's Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. At the season-opening race in Sebring/USA, the pair finished in second and with this celebrated a great start into the new long distance world championship.

The race: Spa-Francorchamps is one of the classic venues on the calendar of the new World Endurance Championship. The race runs over six hours like all other rounds except the twelve hour race in Sebring and the Le Mans 24 hour race.

The circuit: The 7.004 kilometre Circuit Spa-Francorchamps is one of the most interesting and demanding race tracks in the world. 1954 marked the first sports car race to run on the Ardennes track which stands for fascinating motorsport history with triumphs and tragedies. Spa-Francorchamps is most famous for its daunting Eau Rouge corner.

The Porsche drivers: Porsche works drivers Marc Lieb and Richard Lietz contest the GTE Pro class at the wheel of Felbermayr-Proton's Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. Christian Ried (Germany), Porsche Cup winner Gianluca Roda (Italy) and Paolo Ruberti (Italy) are keen to repeat their victory from Sebring in the GTE Am class, where only last year's cars and one professional race driver per vehicle are permitted. The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Ried and Roda is also entered by Felbermayr-Proton.



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Team Felbermayr-Proton: Marc Lieb, Richard Lietz (Porsche AG Press Database)

# World Endurance Championship

The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR: As the top model of Porsche Motorsport's customer racing vehicles, the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR headed into the 2012 racing season with extensive modifications. Particularly noticeable is the widening of the body by 48 millimetres. The aero kit is supplemented by a new intake air ducting. The particularly efficient six-cylinder boxer engine generates 460 hp (338 kW) with a mandatory air restrictor and drives the 310 millimetre wide rear wheels. The diameter of the front wheels has increased to 680 millimetres.

Porsche successes: On the Circuit Spa-Francorchamps Porsche celebrated not only endurance wins in the glorious seventies and eighties but also in the modern era. In 2006 and 2007, Marc Lieb won the sports car class with the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR. In 2009 and 2010, he and Richard Lietz secured two more class wins in the Le Mans Series. In 2003, Lieb claimed overall victory at the Spa 24 Hours with Porsche, and followed up with GT class wins in 2005 and 2007. The Porsche RS Spyder was successful in Belgium, too: In 2008 and 2009, the sports prototype from Weissach clinched LMP2 class honours.

The schedule: The six-hour race in Spa-Francorchamps starts on Saturday, 5 May, at 14.30 hrs. Eurosport 2 broadcasts the race live from 19.00 to 20.30 hrs, Eurosport televises highlights on 9 May from 00.00 to 01.00 hrs.

Comments before the race: Hartmut Kristen, Porsche Head of Motorsport: "The new World Endurance Championship began very well in Sebring for our Felbermayr-Proton team. With this performance the squad will also hold their own in Spa-Francorchamps, although the opposition will be even stronger. The Ardennes race track is closely tied to historic Porsche endurance racing successes. It's a very demanding challenge that our works drivers Marc Lieb and Richard Lietz have already mastered extremely well with class victories in the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in the past years."

Marc Lieb: "I'm looking forward to contesting the new World Endurance Championship in Spa. Aside from the Nürburgring-Nordschleife, the Spa circuit is my absolute favourite. The track is flowing and very challenging, not to mention the fantastic corners. It's simply great fun to drive the 911 GT3 RSR there. We made a great start to the season in Sebring and now we want to continue in the same vein. I'm feeling very confident that we'll manage it."

Richard Lietz: "I really like the circuit and Marc is one of the Spa specialists, so for that reason alone I'm feeling very optimistic about this race. We know we can be fast with the new 911 GT3 RSR. Our second place in Sebring has put us in a good position for the rest of the season. The race in Spa runs over six hours, in Sebring we led for six hours - perhaps that's a good omen."

The World Endurance Championship: Sports prototypes and GT vehicles race in the new World Endurance Championship. They are divided into four classes that start together but are classified separately:

- LMGTE Pro class: This class is reserved for slightly modified standard sports cars with 440 to 500 hp and a minimum weight of 1,245 kilograms (e.g. Porsche 911 GT3 RSR).
- LMGTE Am class: Like the LMGTE Pro, but the regulations stipulate that only last year's cars are eligible and there must be no more than one professional driver per vehicle.
- LMP1 class: Sports prototypes with up to 550 hp and a minimum weight of 900 kilograms.
- LMP2 class: Sports prototypes with around 440 hp and a 900 kilogram minimum weight.

# FVR Bits & Pieces

## The Milwaukee Masterpiece or Wisconsin's Answer to Pebble Beach

Every August there is a fabulous Concours d'Elegance and car club show on the shores of Lake Michigan at Veteran's Park. The Milwaukee Masterpiece is Wisconsin's answer to Pebble Beach and Meadowbrook coupled with the welcoming blue waters of a truly Great Lake. Some of the finest examples from around the world gather at this annual event. August of 2012 promises to continue the tradition that will be of particular interest to those of us who own or follow German cars. In addition to the traditional "club day" on Saturday (8/25) which is open to all marques to gather on the grounds, there is a special class for the feature day on Sunday (8/26). On Sunday there will be a class for Teutonic Touring and Track Cars. The class will be open to German touring and race cars which are 1973 or older. Eligible marques include Mercedes Benz, Porsche, Audi, BMW, VW, etc. How about a Ford Lincoln/Mercury Capri rally car? Sunday is a by invitation event with those that wish to display their car applying for acceptance. It is really painless. Just send a few digital pictures of the car and a paragraph or two with the background describing what makes the vehicle unique and special. Send the material to either Mike O'Krongly at [mokrongly@aol.com](mailto:mokrongly@aol.com) or to Ron Pace at [ronald.pace@kohler.com](mailto:ronald.pace@kohler.com). Space is somewhat limited so get your submission in quickly.

See you in August!



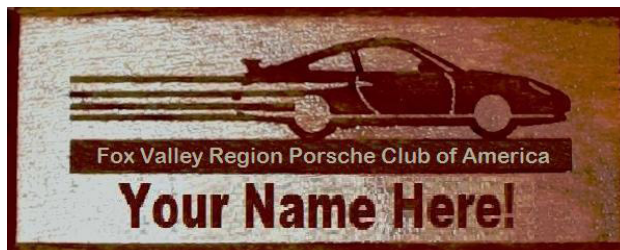
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# FVR Bits & Pieces

## Customer Service redefined.

As most of you probably know, I bought a really nice, used, great running 2004 Porsche Cayenne S with 60K miles from a private party last fall. The first thing I do when I buy a used car is change the spark plugs, change air & oil filters, change the oil, etc. During the course of changing plugs, I noticed that 7 out of 8 of the ignition coils were visibly cracked. Oh no. An emergency trip from Green Bay to Bergstrom Porsche Fox Valley in Appleton in the wife's car... and about \$456.00 later (\$55 each x 8 plus tax), I had new ignition coils. I was heartbroken. I installed my new spark plugs and mating coils, reassembled the fascia, gritted my teeth and took a ride. The car performed beautifully, exactly the same as before, only now cost \$500 more! My experience is that any factory ignition coil generally last nearly the lifetime of the vehicle, and are not typical wear & tear items. The folks at Bergstrom encouraged me to write a letter to Porsche Cars North America and plead for "goodwill assistance". My letter was short and concise, questioning the premature failure of the original Porsche parts, and humbly asking for reimbursement of perhaps "half" of the cost of these parts (I thought that might be a fair request). Remember, this is a used car, not under any warranty program, bought from a private party. Cutting ahead to April, I just received a check from Porsche Customer Commitment for the full \$456.00 I paid for the ignition coils including the tax! Now THAT is great service above and beyond the call of duty. Try that at your Ford dealer! I guess Porsche has got a customer for life. This has provided the best advertising Porsche could imagine. Just thought you'd all like to know. Thank you Porsche Cars North America in Atlanta, and thank you Bergstrom Appleton.

Jimmy Haen

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## By the way,

Did anyone notice the mention of Potosi Brewing Co on page 31 of June 2012 Motor Trend magazine? It was a past lunch stop on our one of our famous Fox Valley Region PCA Fall Tours.

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## Tire bargain,

I did my research on Tire Rack, & decided I wanted (4) BF Goodrich Advantage T/A's 235 60 17 "102T's" to replace aging Bridgestone Dueler tires on my wife's AWD V6 Chevy Equinox (her daily driver). Then I found TireBuyer.com (or 866-961-8668). They had the same super low price as TireRack, but also has free FED EX shipping. (there's an additional \$57.46 saved)...and they listed the tire as in stock with 3-5 days for delivery.

Ordered them from TireBuyer.com Wed at 1:45PM, they were in my garage the next morning at 8:30AM! Simply unbelievable. And, At least \$55 per tire less than local quotes(x4)! And then on top of that...BFG also has a \$50 manufacturer mail in rebate on the purchase of 4 tires to boot... Now, off to my local service station for mount/balance/stems/carcass disposal, etc... I wonder how much could you save on the big Porsche tires?

Jimmy the frugal.

# Membership Milestones



## Member Anniversaries

| Name                               | Location           | Vehicles(s)                | Member Since |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| James & Tonna Appelgren            | Minocqua, WI       | 2009 Cayman                | 2011         |
| Howard & Nic Bornstein             | Suamico, WI        | 1987 911                   | 2002         |
| David & Suesan Clark               | Shawano, WI        | 2005 911                   | 2003         |
| Eric Erickson                      | Marquette, MI      | 1988 911                   | 2010         |
| Bruce & Deb Harvey                 | Houghton, MI       | 1989 944T                  | 1993         |
| David & Jodie Kadonsky             | Oshkosh, WI        | 1986 944                   | 2005         |
| Robert Kasten                      | Schofield, WI      | 2000 Boxster               | 2000         |
| David Krause & Donna Thurlow       | De Pere, WI        | 2002 911T                  | 2004         |
| Joachim Loeffler & Angela Juergens | Appleton, WI       | 2000 911                   | 2002         |
| Todd & Melanie Marohl              | Green Bay, WI      | 2007 GT3                   | 1993         |
| Douglas Neuser                     | Whitelaw, WI       | 1977 924                   | 1987         |
| Randy & Donna Sahs                 | Sturgeon Bay, WI   | 1980 911SC                 | 1996         |
| William Saler                      | Appleton, WI       | 2008 Boxster RS            | 1999         |
| Tanja Schadt                       | Menasha, WI        | 2008 Cayman S              | 2011         |
| Debra & Bill Scholfield            | Mosiness, WI       | 2004 Cayenne, 2005 Boxster | 2005         |
| Jim & Bonnie Schumacher            | Oneida, WI         | 1999 Boxster 986           | 2010         |
| James & Lisa Stephenson            | Combined Locks, WI | 1959 356, 1957 356A        | 1990         |
| Mark & Maureen Wallenfang          | Appleton, WI       | 1984 911                   | 1989         |
| Mike Woody & Angela Zillmer        | Johns Creek, GA    | 1999 Boxster               | 2007         |

## Welcome to our new members of the Fox Valley Region!

| Name                      | Location    | Vehicles(s) | Member Since |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bryan & Chotika Robertson | Menasha, WI | 1988 930    | 2012         |

Our region's current membership is 286 total members; 156 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

So another month has blasted by, and this one caught me off guard. I never could remember that umpteen days hath months that end in "ber" thing, and now it shows. Yes, I'm late with the newsletter, but only by a day.

And I missed the Spring Opener at Pipe, but that was by way of family obligation not forgetfulness. Have not yet heard any reports on the festivities, but I'm sure it was a good time. It seems as though the weather cooperated, at least by the warmth and sunny skies we had around home for the majority of the day.

Barb and I are planning to soon to be back on track, and looking forward to this summer's events and meeting up with our Porsche friends for some good times. Picnics, dinners, tours, and yes even river tubing are all on the schedule for the coming months. And for the first month that ends in "ber", I do know of at least three days of great importance - September 14-16 - for the 2012 FVR Fall Tour to Paradise. I'll promise to keep an eye on my calendar from now on; and you'll need to catch me at some of these FVR events to make sure - OK?

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