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Savoring the Kaffeeklatch Flavor

Thank You to FVR Members

from the President

Our days are getting longer and I hope you are making good use of that extra time, maybe taking the Porsche for a little ride or stopping over to see a friend and spend a little time discussing the up and coming summer activities, or just doing some garage stuff or nothing at all. Meanwhile, whatever you decide to do, why not at least find that old lawn chair, a cool drink, and read on. I am sure you will stay awake for a little while...enjoy the readings.



First of all, my usual charge to all the membership—read the newsletter for future events and meetings and general information. As you know, my term will end and there is going to be a need for a new president. I personally hope that someone will come forward and accept this challenge.

There may be a few changes to make the job easier, but remember this is your club and in order to preserve the club's future, participation and involvement of the members is important—this means you. Give this some consideration before too much time passes. One other consideration is that Debi Harvey will not be doing the newsletter come the end of the year. She has done an excellent job and this void will also need to be filled. If you have computer skills, this challenge maybe for you. Some discussion as to the possibility of going to a different format maybe possible, but some decisions will be made on that subject as time goes on. Please give some consideration to my requests and if you have any questions, feel free to call me to discuss your concerns. Thank you.

Well if you did not make it to Jim and Linda's in Pipe for our annual Pipe Dinner Run. Tim and Judy St. Aubin again did a great job, providing a beautiful evening for a drive along the lake, great food as usual, and an evening with Porsche friends. There was a very good turnout and some new faces and old acquaintances were a welcome sight. Tim and Judy provided some excellent prizes for those attending and the raffle was the highlight of the evening. Everyone went home with a smile and good memories. Thanks again Tim and Judy for a job well done and an enjoyable evening with Porsche friends.

Since our last meeting, I did have the opportunity (I do not know if I should say an opportunity) to attend the World's Largest Porsche Only Swap Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania. We left Appleton about 9 p.m. with Gordon and Josh Skog in a duallie diesel with an enclosed car trailer. They were to pick up a car for someone after the event. Jim Stephenson and Dennis Lahti, who was at a car auction in Fond du Lac, no Dennis did not bring a used car to the event. The drive was uneventful, if you have ever driven all night, you do know, not much takes place at night.

Arrived at Carlisle, about 25 miles from our destination, about noon and off to a huge automotive swap meet, lots of stuff. About 5 p.m. off to Hershey to check in and a good Italian meal, recommended by the food committee. Up early and off to the swap meet. Did I mention Friday was beautiful day, but Saturday was rainy and cool. At least the swap meet was on blacktop. Lots of looking around, dickering going on all over, and rain. Did I mention the rain? After finding our treasures, we returned, said good-bye to my favorite candy maker and returned home to the land of cheese. The riders in the van were treated to a great conglomeration of CDs, from new to old, rock and roll, jazz to Italian songs, but the appreciation of music was well received by the riders. We arrived home early Sunday morning, said our good-

byes, and got some sleep. If you are interested, ask anyone who went. It was a good time with lots of laughs and stories, we all have them. There must have been over 400 Porsches attending, plus cars for sale, parts, tires and rims, and a concours event, and yes wet parts. We all returned safely with good memories. Thanks

On Saturday, May 10th, I had the opportunity with some other members of the club to attend and participate in the High Mileage Contest and Auto Show, at Fox Valley Tech. The day turned out to be just what was ordered, sun and warm, and the enthusiasm displayed by the schools, their representatives, pit crews and drivers. Must have had to be seen to be appreciated. These crews put all their effort into this project and all three classes turned out to be very competitive. The class act turned out to be a car developed at Preble High School. The car had to be seen to be appreciated, a mix between gas and electric. The car was beautiful and the mileage was well above anything you could imagine, in the thousands. Thanks to all those attending and Fox Valley Tech was also appreciative of our efforts, but our efforts were minimal compared to the great effort that these young men and women put forth. I felt honored to be a part of these young people's day of competition.

Now for the ramblings, that I am sure you are waiting for. I came across the article "Identifying the 911 Carreras" in Pano. This was a very informative article explaining the 911 Carreras and the different numbers given to the different years of Porsches, although they were still 911s. Sometimes we can learn something from reading. If you buy a new Porsche, it still may say "911 Carrera" on the cover of the owners manual. If you do not believe me, look up the article.

What was the first Porsche production model car to use internally vented disc brakes on all four wheels?

- A - 1976 911S
- B - 1966 911
- C - 1968 911L
- D - 1965 911

Mechanics are receiving many requests to remove and refresh the stale air in customers tires. Do you qualify or have you asked for this?

Reuters news service had an item that 2002 auto sales in China exceeded one million for the first time, more than 50% increase over 2001. China has become one of the fastest growing car markets. I wonder how many Porsches were sold? The article did not say.

To which Porsche feature does the name Eberspacher refer;

- A - a gasoline heater to heat the car's interior
- B - a limited-slip differential
- C - an oversized master cylinder with vacuum assist
- D - a lightened spare tire/wheel assembly?

I suppose I could go one, but come to the next meeting. It will be at the Yacht Club, remember where that is? After the meeting we will caravan to the Dairy Queen on Richmond Street for some coooool treats. Join us for the evening. Be sure to mark you calendar for the race dates at Badger Sports Park, there are two this year, so you will have a chance to redeem yourself if your first attempt was poor. We may have to crown an overall winner. I will be practicing. Answer to the questions, A and A. Well I hope you enjoy the warm weather, and remember you are a racer if you think the last line of the Star Spangled Banner is "racers start your engines".

Motoring to Tomorrow

On the cover

On Saturday April 20th fellow club member Greg Russo lost his three year battle with cancer. Greg will be greatly missed by many in our club who knew him. Greg was a great guy and always had positive things to say about others and was always friendly, kind, and thoughtful and fun to be around.

Many of us remember Greg driving up to club events with his Silver 1964 Porsche 356 with some old suite cases on the back.

Greg is survived by his wife Linda, son Paul and his wife Laura, and daughter Amie and her husband Brad, and four grandchildren, and Greg's brother John and sister Givana.

Those of us who knew Greg will never forget him and his memories will stay deep in our hearts and minds forever.

Feel free to send cards to: Linda Russo
330 Rainbow Lane
Appleton, WI . 54911

The cover of this month's Whaletales is a product of Greg's tenure as FVR President, and was originally published in the June 2003 issue of Whaletales. His words from that time provide a simultaneous opportunity to reminisce, while yet having an uncanny similarity to present day events.

We wish to express our condolences to Greg's family at this difficult time.

The FVR board has unanimously approved funding for donations being made to St. Paul Hospice and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Greg's honor per the family wishes.

Whaletales

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From The President

Fox Valley Porsche Club has lost one of its finest members this past month, Past President, car guy and true friend, Greg Russo passed away April 20th from cancer. Greg will always be remembered as a true car guy and driving enthusiast. As past President of our club, Greg showed us his enthusiasm for Porsche and our club, but he also showed us his great integrity. We will miss you Greg.

Well summer has finally arrived and that must mean the Pipe Run is just around the corner. This past month we had several fun events for the club, starting off with the dinner/social at Lorelei Inn in Green Bay, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz. This is turning into a popular annual event, and shows that Jamie and Laura know how to put a great evening together. Thanks Jamie and Laura.

Barb and Dan Pankratz hosted a tour of their garage and car collection and dinner in Manitowoc. I was not able to attend this time, but I have in the past and can tell you that their collection and garage set up are very impressive. Barb and Dan are among the longest members of the Fox Valley Porsche Club and have some very interesting and exciting stories to tell of years past. Anyone who missed this event really missed out. Barb and Dan, Thank You.

The weekend of the 20th, was the annual Hershey Swap Meet and a group of 8 guys, myself included all joined together in a van and drove to the event. We have done this many times in past years, some of the same guys, some new, but each time is so much fun and full of adventure, I look forward to it each year. One of the guys that goes with us every year, is Greg Russo, who was not able to go with us this year. He was deeply missed and was just not the same without him.

May is a busy month, full of events. The Pipe Run, Kaffeeklatsch, The Spring Water Fall Tour and finishing off a tour and dinner in Waupaca and Stevens Point, so check the Calendar of events and start planning. And get those Porsche's out on the road and have some Fun!

Proud to Be Your President,

Gordon Skog



FVR Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 7 Dinner / Social / Car Show at Jim & Linda's, W3496 County Rd W, Pipe. Hosted by Allan & Pat Utecht allanu@walsdorffroofing.com

Saturday, May 18 Kaffeeklatsch at Linger Café, 9431 Spruce St., Fish Creek. Hosted by Bob & Jen Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 18 Spring Tour (2 days) to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan's UP. Hosted by Al Curran arcllc@gmail.com

Saturday, May 25 Tour / Social at Waupaca & Stevens Point. Hosted by Jim and Mary Niemiec zimal@charter.net

Saturday, June 1 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Tuesday, June 4 Dinner / Social at Kodiak Jack's, 2059 Witzel Ave, Oshkosh. Hosted by John & Jeanne Strublic jistrublic@centurytel.net

Saturday, June 8 Ladies' Only Tour to Washington Island. Hosted by Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net

10:00am - Saturday, June 15 Kaffeeklatsch at Cravings Coffee & Ice Cream Co, 312 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids. Hosted by Jim and Mary Niemiec zimal@charter.net

Sunday, June 23 Porsche Parade (7 days) at Traverse City, MI Grand Traverse Resort. Contact Kathleen Behrens, Parade Registrar registrar@pcaparade.org

Saturday, July 6 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Saturday, July 13 Social / Dinner at New London. Hosted by Barb & Mark Wilkinson mark.wilkinson@charter.net

Saturday, July 20 WVBO Car Show at Fox Valley Technical College. Hosted by Bryan Robertson bryan187247@hotmail.com

Saturday, July 27 Social / Dinner at Trout Springs Winery, Greenleaf, WI. Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker brchrivr@centurytel.net

Saturday, August 3 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Sunday, August 4 Holy Hill area tour. Hosted by Bob and Hiltrud Geiser rgeiser@milwpc.com

Tuesday, August 13 Dinner/Informal Car Show, location TBA. Hosted by Larry Rogers fvprca@sbcglobal.net

Saturday, August 17 Car Show at Egg Harbor. Hosted by Bob Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 7 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, 3030 N Victory Ln, Appleton. Hosted by Nick Proctor nick@theproctors.com

Friday, September 20 Fall Tour (3 days) to Minoqua. Hosted by Bob & Carol Burress / Greg & Mary Rigoni grrigoni@chartermi.net

Tuesday, October 8 Fall Tech Session at Auto Clinic, Neenah. Hosted by Gordon Skog gord240z@live.com

Thursday, October 24 Porsche Escape (3 days) at Fairplex, 1101 W McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA. Hosted by Grand Prix / San Gabriel Valley regions, contact SuesanWay@pobox.com

Tuesday, November 5 Dinner and social at Mackinaw's Grill & Spirits, 2925 Voyager Dr, Green Bay. Hosted by Barb and Charles Wise seawise@voyager.net

Saturday, December 14 Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 123 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah. Hosted by Gordon & Debbie Houle gord240z@live.com

Kaffeeklatsch by County

In an effort to get members together in a more casual setting, and in a place (hopefully) not too far from home, the Fox Valley Region will begin having Saturday morning coffee meetings hosted by various members in their county of residence. There is no agenda; just meet your fellow club members and talk Porsche for as long as you'd like and perhaps share a pot of coffee. You are welcome to attend as many meetings as you'd like. You don't have to just attend the one where you reside. Everyone is welcome- bring a friend if you'd like as well.

As long you're "talking Porsche", it's all good!

Thanks to all our hosts!

<u>County</u>	<u>Host(s)</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Door & Kewaunee	Bob & Jen Hawley	May 18 @ 10:00 am	Linger Café, 9431 Spruce St., Fish Creek
Wood	Jim & Mary Niemiec	June 15th @ 10:00 am	Cravings Coffee & Ice Cream Co, 312 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids
Shawano	Host needed		
Marathon	Host needed		
Oconto	Host needed		
Marinette	Host needed		
Winnebago & Fond du Lac	Host needed		
Upper Michigan	Host needed		

Don't see your area listed or would like to have a meeting in your home town? Volunteer to be a host! Please contact Laura Prellwitz at lprellwitz@att.net to have a kaffeeklatsch in your town.

We're Talking Porsche!!

May 7: Spring Opener

		May 2013						
What:	"Spring Opener" Dinner/Social Meeting	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
When:	Tuesday, May 7, 2013 Social time will be 5:00 to 7:00 Dinner will be 7:00	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Where:	Jim and Linda's Supper Club W3496 County Road W, Pipe, WI (on east shore of Lake Winnebago) 43.9143,-88.3325							
Details:	<p>Coming soon is the annual Fox Valley Region event that gives us an opportunity to truly break free from the depths of winter, and get our favorite Porsche out from under the covers and on the road!</p> <p>The annual "Spring Opener" at Jim and Linda's in Pipe is a great venue for an early season road trip, one that has had a great turnout over the past years. All you will need to take part in this great evening of dinner, conversation, and friendship with fellow members is to make your RSVP to attend with this year's hosts, Allan and Pat Utecht.</p>							
Contact:	Please RSVP by May 1 to Allan and Pat Utecht. allanu@walsdorfroofing.com							



Gordon Skog will be heading a caravan to Tuesday's Pipe run. Anyone that is interested, we will meet at the car wash on the Southeast corner of Hwy 10 and 114 near Waverly Beach in Menasha. We will meet around 4:30 and hit the road at 4:45 sharp for the start of a great event. No rsvp needed, just show up with your shiny Porsche for the start of summer.

See You There.....Gordon



May 17-18: Spring Waterfalls Tour

What: **4th Annual Spring Waterfalls Tour to Upper Michigan**
 When: (Travel) Friday, May 17 & (tour) on Saturday, May 18, 2013
 Where: Munising, MI [46.3806, -86.6085](tel:46.3806.-86.6085)

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Details: Overnight accommodations are available at the Americinn in Munising. All rooms have two queen beds, non-smoking for the special rate of \$69.99 per night. You must call the motel directly at 906-387-2000 ask for the reservations under "Fox Valley Region Porsche Club". **ONLY 1 room REMAINS!** First come, first served. For more about the motel, go to www.americinn.com/hotels/MI/Munising Address is 9926 State Hwy. M-28, Wetmore, MI 48895. **The final day to make a reservation is May 10.** After you have made your reservations, please e-mail lprellwitz@att.net and let Laura know so she can keep track of room availability.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Primary tourmeister Al Curran writes, "Munising, MI, will be the starting and ending point for the tour. Munising is approximately 170 miles north of Green Bay. The tour will take place all day Saturday, May 18th, and will cover approximately 125 miles round-trip, with stops at Wagner Falls, Alger Falls (viewed from the road), Munising Falls, and Sable Falls. Lunch will be in Grand Marais, MI, and we will drive back along the same route- a fairly recently paved, nicely winding and low traffic road through the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. There are a number of other scenic sights (a lighthouse, 300' high sand dunes, and the lakeshore cliffs) that we will stop at, time permitting. The exact route and the order of the stops will be dependent on the park conditions and weather on the date of the tour. You can find information about the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore at www.nps.gov/piro

You may drive to Munising on your own Friday evening, or if you wish, a car caravan will meet just north of Green Bay on Hwy. 41/141 at the Lineville Road exit #173. We will meet and depart at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 17. As always, a social tailgate will be held upon arrival at the Americinn Friday night. We will have dinner at Sydney's restaurant at 6:30 PM. They have a seafood buffet or you may order from the menu. You will receive a 10% discount with your motel key. www.sydneysrestaurant.com Saturday night will be pizza delivered to the motel by a local restaurant.

Contact: If you have questions, please contact Al Curran at arcllc@gmail.com or Laura Prellwitz at lprellwitz@att.net



Americinn Inn, Munising



Wagner Falls



Scenic shoreline in Munising

May 25: Touring Central Wisconsin

What: A Tour to the Stevens Point and Waupaca area

When: Saturday, May 25, 2013
Meet at Stevens Point Brewery 10:30 am

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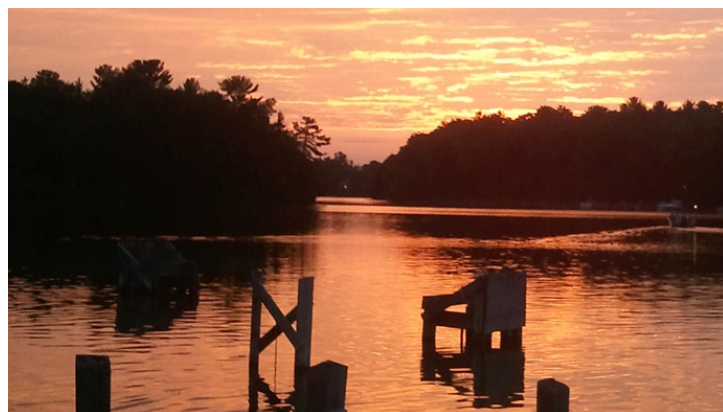
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Where: Stevens Point Brewery
2617 Water St, Stevens Point, WI
(on east shore of the Wisconsin River) [44.5102,-89.5739](tel:44.5102,-89.5739)

Details: Please join Mary and I to kick off Memorial Day weekend on Saturday with a tour and refresher course in beer making at the Stevens Point Brewery in the heart Stevens Point. Please plan on arriving by 10:30 am in time for the 11 am tour. (\$3 per person charge - includes gift from brewery). <http://www.pointbeer.com/>

After the tour, we will ride back east on Hwy. 54 to the Clearwater Harbor Waterfront Restaurant and Bar (Hwy. QQ) as certified beer connoisseurs, thirsty to apply our knowledge and skills on their deck overlooking the lake. (We can also use the occasion to celebrate Mary's 39th birthday again!) <http://www.clearwaterharbor.com/>

Contact: Details and directions provided closer to the event. Jim and Mary Niemiec, zimal@charter.net



June 4: Kodiak Jack's Dinner Meeting

IT'S KODIAK JACK'S TIME AGAIN!!

June 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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When: Tuesday, June 4, 2013

Where: Kodiak Jack's Steak & Seafood
[2059 Witzel Ave. Oshkosh](http://2059WitzelAve.com)

Hosted By: Jeanne & John Strubic

Details: Please join us at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh for the June 4th dinner/social meeting. 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 and reduced price drinks from 4 to 6PM as well. Our meeting will be in a separate area with our own 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.

Contact: Please email us at jjstrubic@centurytel.net to let us know if you will be attending. We will need to have all responses by Monday, June 3rd.

Hope to see you there!! -- Jeanne & John Strubic

June 8, 2013: Ladies' Only Tour

June 2013

Only **TWO** Rooms remain at the **Somerset Inn and Suites in Ephraim, WI**. A room with two queen beds is **\$82.14**, all taxes included. Please call the hotel directly at 920-548-1819 or 1-800-809-1819 and ask for one of the rooms reserved under the name "Laura Prellwitz" by **May 5, 2013**. First come, first served. Please also let me know when you've made a reservation. For more details about the hotel, check out <http://www.somersetinn.com>

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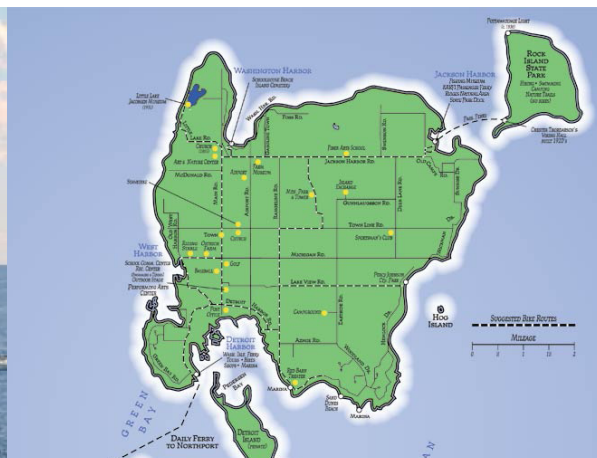
Ladies, reserve **Saturday, June 8, 2013**, as YOUR day to drive and enjoy your Porsche! This year's tour will take us to beautiful Washington Island, in Door County. There is an optional overnight stay in Ephraim as well. We will meet at the BP Station/McDonald's at 2721 Manitowoc Road, Bellevue (east side of Green Bay) to **DEPART @ 8:30 AM**. Please be prompt! Manitowoc Road is exit # 181 off I-43. It is about a 2 hour drive to Northport where the ferry will take us to Washington Island. We will take the 11:00 AM ferry and will spend the afternoon on the 35 square mile island.

Costs and options: The 2013 rates are \$13 per person for the ferry only. Each auto is \$26. Therefore, two people in one car is \$52. IF you do not wish to take your car to the island, you may park it at the Northport Visitor's Center parking lot and pay the \$13 fare only. Upon disembarking the ferry, you may walk to some scenic areas and do some shopping, rent a bike or moped. Another option is to ride the 2- hour scenic and narrated Cherry Train tour. Individual tickets are \$15, or you may purchase a combo ticket (ferry fare and Cherry Train) for \$27.50. For more information about the ferry, <http://wisferry.com/ride-ferry> For more information about the cherry train, <http://www.cherrytrain.com>

For those of you who take your car to the island and will be driving, we will not have a "follow the leader" type tour. Since it's an island, the chances of getting lost are quite low. Therefore, you will be given a map of the island highlighting points of interest, things to see and do, list of restaurants, etc., so you will be free to explore at your leisure. Everyone needs to be back to the ferry dock before 4:00 PM to catch that ferry back to the mainland. The last boat of the day is at 5:00 PM.

We will gather back together at the Northport Visitor Center (ferry dock) and will drive south on Hwy. 42 making a shopping stop at Seaquist Orchards and at Ellison Bay Bluffs County Park for a scenic view.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at lprellwitz@att.net or call 920-242-1644.



July 20, 2013: WVBO Car Show

July 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Laura Prellwitz has made contact with WVBO, the radio station that is organizing the car show that Bryan Robertson has suggested that our club participate in this July. Below is their reply. This really does sound like it could be a very fun event! Thanks for the suggestion, Bryan!

Subject: RE: WVBO Contact Us

Hi Laura, and THANKS for contacting us about your group's interest in the WVBO car show & cruise! We would be thrilled to have you join us his year. I am in the final stages of signing a contract to use the parking lot at Fox Cities Stadium instead of Fox Valley Tech due to some expected road construction on Bluemound this summer. We expect this to be made official within a week.

Until then I can tell you that there is no charge for registration for the WVBO show. We invite people to set up their vehicle on site between 1-3pm. Then 3-6:30 is the short show. We hand over 6 awards from our radio personalities and award positions in our 2014 WVBO Classic Car Calendar. Finally we take a short cruise down College ave to Lawrence University. While it is not an official parade, expect several hundred spectators downtown who have come to expect this event year! Also, the WVBO car show is in partnership with the Appleton Old Car Show which occurs the next day on Sunday.

I'll keep your email close so that I can get you a flyer or website which contains all this information. Please let me know if you have any further questions at this time.

Steve Edwards
Promotions Director & WVBO Midday Host
Cumulus Broadcasting - Oshkosh
491 South Washburn St. STE 400
Oshkosh, WI 54904

Stay tuned for more news on this event, we will pass it along as things develop!

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Part Four, Gordon's 356

Source - Gordon Skog

Part Four

Not a whole lot of progress made on my 356, this past month, but some. Was able to get the engine finished, with all the shrouding and tin finished at the powder coating place, I was anxious to get it all in place on the engine. As you can see in the picture, it is truly a thing of beauty. The only thing left on the engine, will be the exhaust and a couple of sealing tins, which are due to arrive in a week, so will post a picture again when that is complete. I also started back into the interior, replacing the tachometer cable and shifter rod bushings, all of which are in the tunnel inside the car. Again an easy looking job that turned into a nightmare. I struggled getting that tach cable routed properly thru the inside of the tunnel for a couple of hours, until I realized that the cable head would not slide thru its bracket deep in the tunnel, because the floor pan was pushed up slightly from the car being bottomed out sometime in the past. Keep in mind this bracket area can only be seen slightly with a mirror and



Gordon's 356 motor, complete! (Joshua Skog photo)

Part Four, Gordon's 356

flashlight and cannot even be touched, as it is deep in the enclosed tunnel. The time was very late, I think about midnight and it was a work night, I was tired and my temper was building, so decided to leave it for another time.

When I got back on this tunnel/floor pan problem, after much thought, I decided what I had to do, was drill a hole in the top of the tunnel, in the area of the bracket location, to gain access and be able to take a wooden dowel and hammer the floor pan down, to gain the necessary clearance. In order to do this I had to remove some of my newly installed carpet to drill the hole. At this rate I will never get this car done! But I continued on and was successful, I still need to re-glue the carpeting that I pulled up and install the shifter, but that will go smoothly, At that point I will be able to install my seats, I just got them back from the upholster, having them restitched in a few areas, all of the seats and panels vinyl is in excellent condition, short of fading, so I plan on using all the original interior pieces, which will save me a lot of money, money that I am spending on the rest of the car. This car is bleeding my bank account worse than any girlfriend has. Still anxious to get this car on the road and it will happen sometime this summer.

Stay Tuned.....Gordon



Seats ready for install (Joshua Sog Photo)



Perseverance pays off (Joshua Sog Photo)

An FVR Coffee Break



April 20th at Cronie's in Waupaca -

The angle parking in downtown Waupaca became a temporary Porsche Park Saturday morning as Lori and Tom Mazza hosted a kaffeeklatsch at Cronie's. Over a few cups of Jamican coffee we enjoyed some conversation on Porsches, boats, and PCA Parade in Michigan.



April 20th at Jitter Bean in DePere -

Thanks to Todd and Sheila Benz for hosting the Kaffeeklatsch at the Jitter Bean in DePere on April 4.20. The scones, hot chocolate, and specialty coffees were enjoyed by attendees: Jim & Mary Haen, Chris Winquist, and Jamie and Laura Prellwitz.

Lorelei Dinner Follow-up

Source - Laura Prellwitz

April Social at Lorelei Inn

Twenty-eight members and guests gathered together for the first dinner and social meeting of 2013 at the Lorelei Inn in Green Bay. This was the second annual dinner at the Lorelei and the group nearly doubled in size from last year. Very exciting indeed! We hope it is a strong indicator of the level of participation of members in the upcoming year's events. The group also included new members, Don & Jeanne Pappas, and Chris Wingquist with his guest, 8-year old Nate (hopefully a future club member). Vita Opicka, daughter of Andrew & Elise Opicka, also attended her first official Porsche club meeting as well. Additionally, recently new members, Dennis Schreiner and Darcy Magnuson joined us for their third event. Some veteran members who've been absent for a few years, also renewed their membership and joined the group; former Vice-President Bill Hewitt, and former newsletter editor, Alan Cayer. Welcome back! You were missed!



The youngest member, Vita Opicka (Prellwitz Photo)



New member, Chris Wingquist (Prellwitz Photo)



New members, Don & Jeanne Pappas (Prellwitz Photo)



Left to right: Cindy Janes, Jim Janes, Alan Cayer, Marlies Lowey, Jim Lowey (Prellwitz Photo)

Lorelei Dinner Follow-up

It was a wonderful evening re-connecting with past acquaintances and building new friendships, too. Social time got a bit boisterous, but there were many smiles and lots of laughter; Gemutlichkeit indeed!

Following the social and dinner, some brief announcements were shared about upcoming events and deadlines by President, Gordon Skog. Several door prizes were won, and a raffle for a 911 model was held. Nick Proctor was the winner of the raffle. However, in the spirit of sharing his passion for Porsche with others of all ages, Nick then gave the model to Nate, guest of new member, Chris Winquist. Nate was one very happy young man to finally "have his own Porsche". He was very excited about sharing his new acquisition with the rest of his second grade peers the following day at school.

This was the second year that Jamie and Laura Prellwitz hosted this pre-spring event, and it looks like it will become an annual tradition. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in April 2014!



Left to right: Don Pappas (new member), Dennis Schreiner, Darcy Magnuson, Pat Rogers, Larry Rogers, Dennis Olson, Jeanne Pappas (new member) (Prellwitz Photo)



Left to right: Nate, Jimmy Haen, Mary Haen, Steve DeBaker, Andrea DeBaker, new member Chris Winquist (Prellwitz Photo)



Left to right: Andrew Opicka, Nick Proctor, Bill Hewitt, Debbie Houle, Gordon Skog, Al Fisher, Jamie Prellwitz (Prellwitz Photo)



Nick gives a Porsche to Nate (Prellwitz Photo)

Pankratz Garage and Tour Follow-up

Source - Laura Prellwitz

Mini-tour of Manitowoc County and Garage Mahal

Although spring didn't arrive early in Wisconsin this year, it did not dissuade several hearty members of the region from participating in the first tour of the year for the club. Members included: Jim & Mary Haen, Eric Iverson, Todd & Sheila Benz, and co-hosts, Jamie & Laura Prellwitz and Dan & Barb Pankratz. The group took a leisurely trek through northern Manitowoc County, then turned east and followed the lakeshore from Point Beach State Park to Neshotah Park in Two Rivers, to Memorial and Maritime Drives in Manitowoc. The group couldn't stop themselves from stopping at the home office of Cedar Crest Ice Cream for some delicious waffle cones and sundaes on Manitowoc's south side.



Which one of these is not like the udder? (Prellwitz Photo)



Not only does Todd Benz love his Carrera, but apparently he's a two-fisted ice cream aficionado (Prellwitz Photo)



Eric Iverson's coconut hot fudge sundae was da bomb (Prellwitz Photo)

Pankratz Garage and Tour Follow-up

Afterwards, the members were treated to 90 minute visit at the Pankratz's garage where he has a wonderful collection of restored vehicles, including a 1967 912 and 1963 356 that Dan restored over 32 years. Upon leaving the Pankratz's, the group made a short side trip to the test yard of Manitowoc Cranes where Jamie Prellwitz answered a few questions about the "big boy toys" at his employer's facility. To round out the day, members went to nearby Luigi's Italian restaurant and enjoyed a variety of delicious appetizers and entrees for dinner. Lots of great conversations and fun times learning and sharing our Porsches!



Dans' two Porsches (Prellwitz Photo)



Dan Pankratz pays a lot of attention to "details" (Prellwitz Photo)



Certificate of appreciation (Prellwitz Photo)



Dinner at Luigi'

Thank You to FVR Members

Subject: Fleece Blanket Donation

Date: Thu, 4 Apr 2013 14:53:16

Hello Mr. Skog,

I just wanted to send a quick note to thank the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club for their generous donation of Fleece Blankets. These blankets will be used for patients of all ages as they will provide comfort during a very stressful time. As you well know, most patients don't plan their day to come to the Emergency Room. These blankets offer an opportunity for our patients to have a "little bright spot" during their patient stay.

Thank you very much!

Colleen

Colleen Kane, BA, MSN, Ed, RN, NE-BC
Director of Emergency Services
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Ann Taylor and Mary Niemiec presented the donation of hand-made blankets from AI and Ann's Spring Tech Session to the Riverview Medical Center in Wisconsin Rapids

Members Sharing Good Times

The Unadvertised Benefits of Being a Member of the Fox Valley Region PCA

Submitted by Laura Prellwitz

People join PCA and our specific region, Fox Valley, for a variety of reasons. Some are looking for competitive opportunities, others are looking for technical support, some just enjoy reading the Whaletales and Panorama, and then there are members like me who primarily enjoy the tours, socials, and charity aspects of the club. We are united by the commonality of being Porsche owners. But there is a deeply human aspect that exists in our region as well. The slogan, "It's not just the cars; it's the people, too!" is a theme that is not always strongly advertised when membership in the FVR-PCA is promoted. However, it's the reason Jamie and I have remained members of this club for over 13 years.

I am composing this on March 30 with a joyful and thankful heart despite the fact the day did not go at all as we had planned, and could've been quite the disaster. As many of you know, I recently acquired my "dream car" a 2002 Boxster S. I actually purchased it December 31, 2012, and as Wayne Kindschy (also a 2002 Boxster S owner) wrote in an e-mail, "Laura, this is going to be the longest winter of your life." Truer words have never been written. I'm not exactly known as being a patient person (there's an understatement) so I've been chomping at the bit to get the car out of storage and on the road. At times, I thought spring would never arrive in Wisconsin this year. We finally brought it home a week ago and it's been the greatest car I've ever owned or driven. Until today.

Jamie and I left Manitowoc late morning to go to Sturgeon Bay to celebrate my birthday a bit early at a favorite restaurant there. Of course, we drove the Boxster to make the journey even more enjoyable. We got as far as Denmark and the Boxster just quit. We had electrical power, but that was all. Fortunately, I got the car over on the shoulder of I-43 so we were safe. I called AAA and the person I spoke with was extremely helpful and efficient. After we had arrangements made for a tow truck, I called the best Porsche mechanic in Wisconsin, our esteemed club president, Gordon Skog. He assured us he'd be at the Auto Clinic for several more hours (and even Easter Sunday if needed), to take a look at it when it arrived and make any necessary repairs. Truly amazing! The car was taken care of, but we were 20+ miles from home with no transportation. I called Jim and Mary Haen who reside in Green Bay. Fortunately, they were home, and as soon as I explained our situation, they were in their vehicle to come pick us up and take us back to Manitowoc. I'm sure an impromptu road trip to Manty was not in their plans for the day before Easter, but they were literally there for us in about 20 minutes.

About 3:45 PM we received a phone call from Gordon telling us that he and his son Josh, were en route to Manitowoc and were driving the Boxster home for us. I was totally shocked. I don't know any auto repair facility anywhere that would provide that kind of door-to-door service that late on a Saturday, and by the owner himself. The other good news? The Boxster had simply run out of gas. Now before you fall off your chair laughing, you must know the gas gauge was showing 2/4 of a tank (I'm still perplexed why all these outstanding German engineers who design these cars can't reduce fractions, but that's another issue). But, at least for now, the "repair" was quite simple. Upon learning the diagnosis, I contacted the dealership where the car was purchased, and already have an appointment to get at the source of the problem and to repair for no cost as it's still under the dealership's warranty.

Jamie and I cannot thank Jim, Mary, Gordon, and Josh enough for all they did today for us. What could have been an absolutely miserable day, turned into a time we will remember with fondness and deep appreciation for our caring and generous friends we met through the club. Jamie and I are indeed greatly blessed. We initially joined the FVR-PCA over a dozen years ago because of being Porsche owners. We continue to remain members because of the great PEOPLE in the region.

And I will never, ever tease Gordon ever again that he can pass anything, except a gas station.

Book Review: Survival of the Quickest

Submitted by: Robert Geiser

In a recent issue of Panorama magazine, there was a shortened article entitled "Survival of the Quickest", by Ben Coombs. The full-length version is available in a paperback book, published in 2012. It is a travel adventure from Plymouth, England, through eastern Europe and Africa, on the way to Cape Town.

Ben chose his team carefully. They worked together fine, although at times as individuals they had their individual issues. One, a medical student, showed skills on properly assembling a broken suspension ball-joint so the car could limp along to the next larger city for a more permanent repair.

Ben has great editorial comments sprinkled throughout the book. A good one was about the Porsche brand. Another was about minding one's p's and q's in official paperwork. On crossing into Egypt, one of the car's VIN digits was wrong, resulting in a delay of about 2 days. The car was eventually sold at the end of the trip in running condition and was not junked out. The companion 4wd found a new home in Kenya.

I bought the book originally just to find out what the 944's weak points were, since I also own one (1987, also white). It gives good insight into African travel. I do wish some pictures would have been included, which are available to view online.

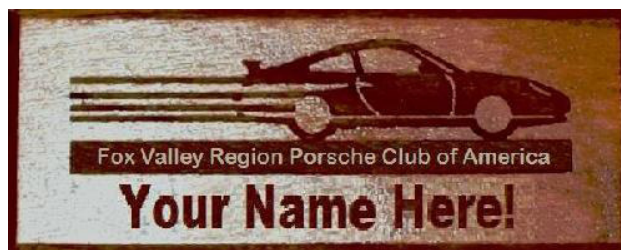
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Membership Milestones



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	2003 Boxster S, 2005 911	2003
Eric Erickson	Onalaska, WI	1988 911	2010
Jim & JoAnne Gustafson	Ellison Bay, WI	2011 911	2012
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	2006 Cayenne	2002
John & Connie Manki	Menasha, WI	2011 Boxster	2012
Todd & Melanie Marohl	Green Bay, WI	2007 GT3	1993
Douglas Neuser	Whitelaw, WI	1977 924	1987
Larry & Dorothy Pollack	Houghton, MI	2011 Boxster Spyder	2012
Randy & Donna Sahs	Sturgeon Bay, WI	1980 911SC	1996
William Saler	Appleton, WI	2008 Boxster RS	1999
Debra & Bill Scholfield	Mosiness, WI	2004 Cayenne, 2005 Boxster	2005
Jim & Bonnie Schumacher	Oneida, WI	1999 Boxster	2010
James & Lisa Stephenson	Combined Locks, WI	1957 356A, 1959 356	1990
Mark & Maureen Wallenfang	Appleton, WI	1984 911	1989

Welcome to our new members of the Fox Valley Region!

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Don & Jeanne Pappas	Menasha, WI	1987 944 Turbo	2013
Chris Winkist	Green Bay, WI	1986 944 Turbo	2013
Jason Funderburk (transfer from Smoky Mountain)	Marquette, MI	2009 911 Targa4	2010

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 280 total members, with 153 primary members and 127 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



Spring is finally in the air, and the Fox Valley Region PCA calendar of events is primed and ready for a great year, starting in only a few days with the Spring Opener in Pipe. This event is truly an FVR classic that makes stretching one's mid-week schedule in order to attend. And looking at the weather forecast for next Tuesday, it appears as if the Boxster might just get the nod for some top down cruising.

And of course, the "Spring Opener" is just that; as the Spring Waterfall Tour to the always inviting and beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan is coming up soon as well. Please be sure to make your reservations for these fast approaching events now, and prepare to have a great time in the company of some great people - your fellow FVR members.

It was difficult for me to find a way to offer respect to honor the passing of Greg Russo, one of our members. I myself did not know Greg, but it was obvious when others who did spoke of him in conversation over the 3 years we have been members that he was a well-respected man. Jim Stephenson, who knew Greg well, was kind enough to provide the words found on page 3. Also, Gordon Skog, in reminiscing found an article Greg wrote for Whaletales when he was the FVR president. That same article is the story that begins on this month's cover.

Gordon was so moved by that article that he suggested it might be used in this month's newsletter, "just a thought" he added. In reading the article, I immediately found a connection, and it is one we all share, that being our passion for excellence. And it was certainly worthy in my mind at least, of being placed on the cover of this issue of Whaletales.

Yes indeed, we are all motoring on to tomorrow.

Your Whaletales Editor,

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