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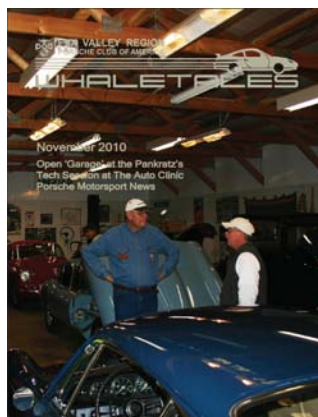
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On the cover



FVR members enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September socializing and appreciating the restoration work of Dan and Barb Pankratz.

From the President



Has this not been the perfect Fall for Porsche drivers in Wisconsin? A person could get used to blue skies, beautiful colored leaves and daily temperatures in the 60's. Hard to imagine that very soon most of us will be saying goodbye to our beloved cars for the winter half of the year.

Here are some general tips and reminders for winterizing your car:

- Full Bath
- Clean inside and out, protect leather, rubber and plastic surfaces
- Full tank of Premium Fuel (this leaves the least amount of space for condensation)
- Car Cover
- Battery maintainer device attached
- Increase tire inflation to prevent tire flat spotting
- Rodent repellent (Outside the car)
 - Some have found peppermint oil or mothballs work well

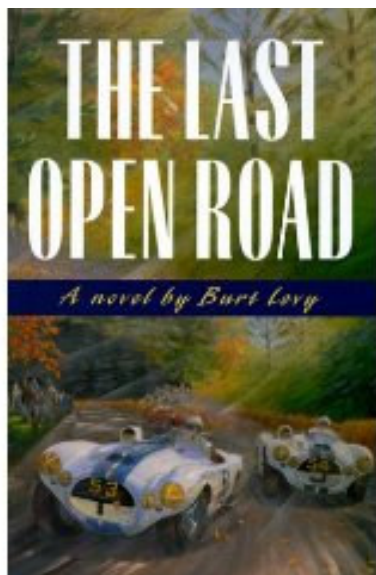
As you all know, our club is a social club. Porsche is the vehicle (literally and figuratively) that brings this group of people together. I am so thankful for the time, energy, laughter and participation that you all put into making this social club so much fun. As the club continues to grow and hit record numbers I am excited to get to welcome more people into the PCA-FVR family.

There is definitely a good deal of work and commitment from Board members and event hosts that I wanted to recognize. Without the dedicated people who plan, encourage and dream to make our club better we would be stagnant or roll backwards. We have a void right now in the fundamental foundation of our club that I am asking for help from one person or a group of people to fill. We need a Social Chair. If anyone is interested in learning more about the role please contact me. We are a social club, and we cannot continue to allow the critical role of Social Chair to be vacant. Thank you for your consideration. The Board is an amazing group to be a part of!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrew Opicka
 President, Fox Valley Region
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Upcoming Events



October 2010

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

THE LAST OPEN ROAD PARTY

Come and enjoy a day in the cartoonish life of a bunch of lovable Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America palookas on the upper-crusty open-road car-race circuit. It's 1952, and Gordon Skog, just 19, may not be the most gifted mechanic to hang around Rob's Sinclair gas station, but he can't stay away. Turning down his father's offer of a union job in a chemical factory, Gordon is lured into the grease-pit by glimpses of Rob's curvaceous niece Debbie Houle. Gordon becomes Rob's head mechanic and has to maintain the black Porsche 911 of the tough-talking computer expert Andrew Opicka. A problem with the 911's touchy carburetor sends Gordon to an Appleton KIA dealership, where he learns the sleazy tricks of the import luxury car trade from owner Jim Janes and shifty sidekick Cindy. From there it's a short hop to the world of open-road sport-car racing (on make-shift courses laid out on rural roads) at Little Nelligan Lake in Beaver, WI. While Gordon is smitten with the skin-deep charms of Laura Prellwitz, girlfriend of wealthy cad Nick Proctor. This fun, high-octane fuel, day for fans of the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America, will enjoy a relaxing race meal and socializing with other typecast members and vivid racing fans.

Where: Pat and Allan Utecht's Cottage, N5424 47th Road, Little Nelligan Lake, Beaver, WI. This is about one hour North of Green Bay on Highway 141.

When: October 23, 2010 1:00 PM to ??? There are overnight accommodations available at the cottage for four couples on a first come basis. There are cabins for rent two miles away at **Whispering Pine Lodge, 5058 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161 Phone: 920-897-4417 E-mail: whisperingpine@ez-net.com**. In addition, there are motels in Crivitz and Coleman / Pound.

Food: The meal will be the race fan menu from page 361 of the book "The Last Open Road" by Burt Levy. Please bring the beverage of your choice.

Upcoming Events

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6

What: Dinner/Social at Mackinaw's, hosted by Charlie & Barb Wise.
 When: Tuesday, November 2, 2010
 5:00-7:00 p.m. Social
 7:00 p.m. Dinner
 Where: Mackinaws Grill & Spirits
 2925 Voyager Drive (I-43 and East Mason)
 Green Bay, WI 54311
 (920) 406-8000

<http://www.mackinaws.com>

A head count is needed prior to the event, so please RSVP to the Charlie and Barb Wise no later than Saturday, October 30th at seawise@new.rr.com

Ok - here is the deal: Please bring along 1 gift per person (NOT COUPLE) valued at between 3 to 5 dollars. It can be funny, serious, edible, or whatever suits the person. And wrapping it also adds to the suspense of the gift again - whatever they think will make another person want the parcel!!!

There will be door prizes, some that suit the women, the men, and the cars!

Fox Valley Region 2010 Holiday Party Holiday Inn Neenah, hosted by Andrew Opicka

What: Holiday Party at Holiday Inn
 When: December 11, 2010
 Where: Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk
 123 E. Wisconsin Avenue
 Neenah, Wisconsin 54956
 (920) 725-8441
<http://www.hineenah.com/>

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Our holiday party is one of the highlight's of our region's events. The silent auction is our big fund raiser for Multiple Sclerosis as well. A block of rooms is set aside for those looking for overnight accommodations. Watch for more details to follow in the December issue of Whaletales.

FVR Calendar of Events

October	Saturday, October 23, 2010 The "Last Open Road" Party, based on the book "The Last Open Road" by Burt Levy. Hosted by Pat and Allan Utecht. allanu@walsdorffroofing.com
November	Tuesday, November 2, 2010 Mackinaw's Social Dinner at Mackinaw's, hosted by Charlie & Barb Wise. seawise@new.rr.com
December	Saturday, December 11, 2010 Holiday Party Holiday Party - Holiday Inn Neenah, hosted by Andrew Opicka. andrew@opicka.com
January	Tuesday, January 04, 2011 Annual Meeting Dinner at Victoria's of Appleton, hosted By Larry Rodgers. lrogers3@sbcglobal.net
February	Thursday, February 03, 2011 New Member Welcome Party, Dinner and Social at Champions Bar and Grill, hosted by Jim and Mary Haen
March	Tuesday, March 01, 2011 Spring Tech Session General Car Repair and Maintenance, hosted by Gordon Skogg
April	Saturday, April 09, 2011 Introduction to the Porsche Tractor at Johnathan's Italian Bistro, hosted By: Robert Geiser and Andrew Opicka. Andrew@opicka.com (tentative) Friday, April 29 - Saturday April 30, 2011 Supermileage Joe & Peg Homel phomel@att.net
May	Tuesday, May 3, 2011 Season opener at Jim & Linda's. Dinner at Pipe, WI, hosted by Tim & Judy St. Aubin tstaubin@sbcglobal.net Saturday, May 14, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor Sunday, May 15, 2011 Fox Valley Road & Track Classic - Roy Fine (British Car Club)
June	Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5, 2011 Waterfalls Tour to UP. Waterfalls tour to Michigan's UP, Al Curran tourmeister. arcllc@gmail.com Tuesday, June 07, 2011 June dinner/social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh hosted by John and Jeanne Strubic. jjstrubic@centurytel.net Saturday, June 11, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor Sunday, June 12, 2011 24 Heures du Mans 2011 at Circuit de la Sarthe, Le Mans, France The 24 Hours of Le Mans Party Hosted by Andrew Opicka andrew@opicka.com Saturday, June 18, 2011 Flag Day Parade FVR presence, co-hosted by Fritz Wotruba fwotruba@new.rr.com and Andrew Opicka Andrew@Opicka.com June 25, 2011 The 2011 Ladies Only tour Waupaca and Wautoma areas, hosted by Jeanne Strubic jjstrubic@centurytel.net and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net
July	Saturday, July 2, 2010 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor Monday, July 4, 2010 Cars 2 Movie Family Fun Movie Date. (tentative) Hosted by Andrew Opicka Andrew@opicka.com Saturday, July 9, 2010 Iola Old Car Show Cookout. Hosted by Mark and Barb Wilkinson wlknsnm@wolfnet.net Saturday, July 23, 2011 Social at Trout Springs Winery. Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker brchrivr@centurytel.net
August	Tuesday, August 02, 2011 August dinner/social in Shawano area. Hosted by Al & Pam Kuck akuck@crinet.com Saturday, August 6, 2011 Bergstrom Coffee and Donuts, hosted by Nick Proctor Saturday, August 13, 2011 Chilton Steam Show and Fox Valley Region Porsche Display. Host Robert Geiser. rgeiser@milwpc.com Sunday, August 14, 2011 "Arctic Circle" Lap around Lake Winnebago w/ice cream stops! Tour hosted by the Prellwitz's lprellwitz@att.net

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August	Saturday, August ??, 2011 Dinner/social on a Saturday in Door County. Hosted by Bob Hawley robert.hawley@yahoo.com (tentative)
September	Monday, September 05, 2011 Labor Day picnic Hosted By George Payne Friday, September 23 - Sunday, September 25, 2011 Fox Valley Region Fall Tour hosted by James and Cindy Janes
October	Sunday, October 2, 2011 2011 Garage Mahal Tour (Garages needed to tour) please email andrew@opicka.com (tentative) Tuesday, October 04, 2011 Tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog
November	Tuesday, November 08, 2011 November dinner/social (host needed)
December	Saturday, December 17, 2011 Holiday party (host needed)

Bits and Pieces

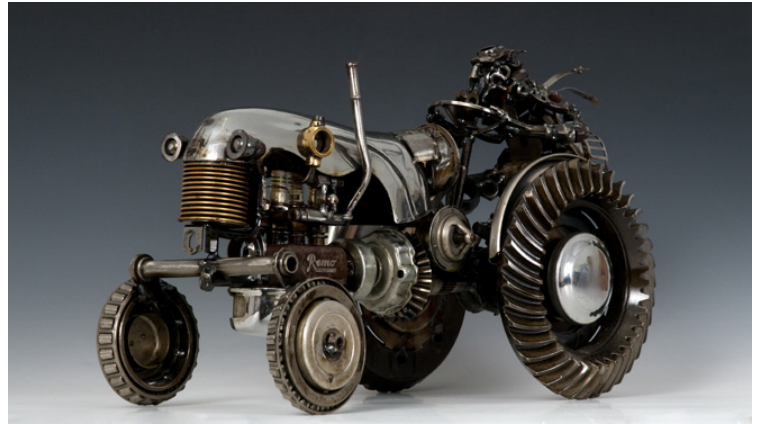
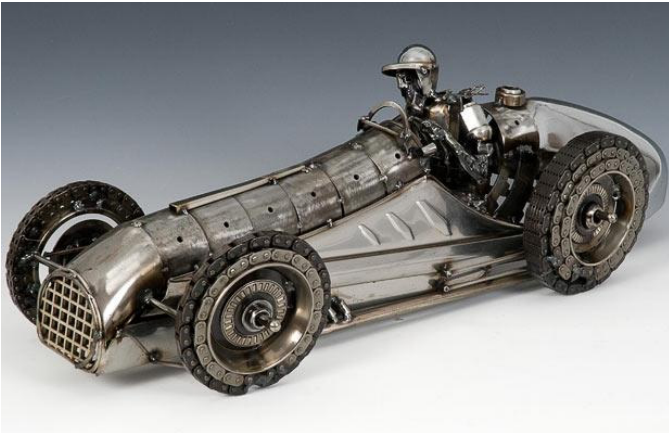
These items were all fabricated from junked 1950 and 1960 automobile parts by Australian artist James Corbett.

He converts scrapped parts of cars into sculptures worth thousands of dollars.

Check out all the Spark Plugs!



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Open 'Garage' at the Pankratz's

On Sunday, September 26th Fox Valley Region members were given the opportunity to tour the workshop and garage of Dan and Barb Pankratz. As you may recall from a previous Whaletales article (32 Years of Persistence, September 2010), Dan and Barb had earned a first in class trophy when entering their 1963 356B Carmen Coupe in the Road & Track Concours D'Elegance at Elkhart Lake. That Porsche, pictured below, was on display as were several other magnificent examples of automotive history.

Their incredibly clean shop is also home to a 1922 Ford Model T (touring), a 1926 Ford Model T doctor's coupe,

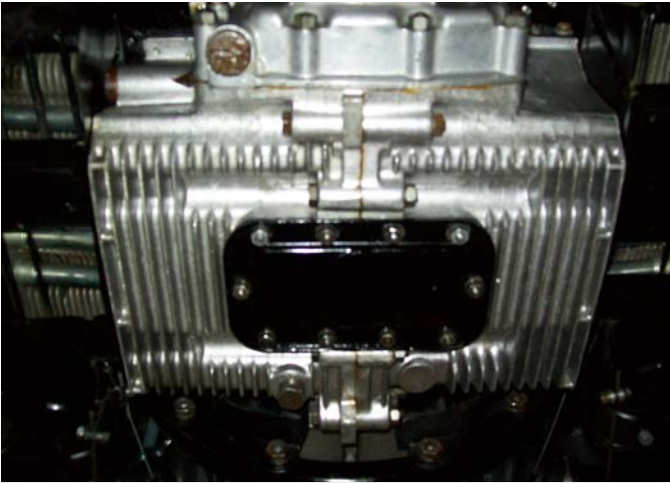
a 1954 Jaguar XK - 120, a 1967 Porsche 912, a 1970 Jaguar XKE Coupe, a 2001 Mazda Miata Special Edition, and a VW camper. While each of these vehicles is so meticulously maintained as to be readily mistaken for a showroom floor garage queen, Dan assured me that each and every one is provided with seasonal exercise.

After a few hours of looking over the vehicles, memorabilia, and many awards on display, the group travelled to nearby Luigi's Italian Restaurant in Manitowoc to enjoy pizza while sharing more stories and laughter.



1963 356B Carmen Coupe on the hoist

Open 'Garage' at the Pankratz's



Underside of the 356B



VW camper, in original form



Several books and magazines have featured vehicles in the Pankratz's collection

Open 'Garage' at the Pankratz's



Some of the awards Pankratz's have earned



Barb with their 1967 912, bought new!



Dennis Schreiner observes as Dan Pankratz proudly receives a certificate of appreciation for hosting this event from Andrew Opicka.

Library Notes

We've got a couple of new books in the library :

#242 Porsche 911 (993) 1994-1998 and #243 Porsche Boxster & Cayman Ultimate Owner's Guides

These books are the best I've ever seen in addressing very model specific maintenance needs, trouble spots pictured with arrows highlighted, and upgrade ideas. This is the kind of stuff we bug poor Dr. Skog and professor Rob about every chance we get.

<http://www.qbookshop.com/products/149537/9781906712068/Porsche-911-993.html>

<http://www.qbookshop.com/products/149534/9781906712013/Porsche-Boxster-Cayman.html>

I've got some bad news for you all. A few titles out of the FVR PCA Library are totally "unaccounted for". Please take the time to look for these in your home collections, at the cabin, on the boat etc. I've always marked the spine of the media with a brightly colored stripe to make it more visible on the shelf. We are in no way "headhunting", we simply would like the materials back to get them back in circulation.

The following are Missing In Action:

Hardcover book , #157, Sports Car & Competition Driving by Paul Frere

Softcover Book, #177, Porsche 356 Guide to DIY Restoration by Jim Kellogg

Softcover Book, #213, Detailers Handbook, 6th Ed, by Griots Garage

Softcover Book, #220, Porsche 356 Ultimate Portfolio by Brooklands Books

The quantity of MIA's is particularly troublesome, in that we have not EVER lost a single title in the 14 years or so of the library's existence. If you got any of these, just let me know. No harm, no foul!

Thank You in advance,

Jimmy Haen

FVR PCA Librarian

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Have you ever felt like a dork at a meeting because you had a press-n-peel name tag on while others had an attractive and classy wood or metal pin?

Furthermore, you were even more embarrassed when you forgot to take it off and went somewhere else afterwards?

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Please contact Larry at fvrpca@sbcglobal.net to order yours now. You can have it in time for our upcoming events.

Tech Session at The Auto Clinic

On Tuesday, October 4th, Gordon Skog hosted the annual Fox Valley Region PCA tech session at the Auto Clinic in Neenah. Participants were greeted with hospitality and the usual international collection of interesting vehicles to be seen at the Auto Clinic.

The evening technical sessions began with a presentation by representatives of Castrol oil. It was an intriguing mix of explanations of technical specifications, along with commentary on trends in the automotive industry relating to marketing efforts by some OEMs developing brand-specific designations for recommended oils. To understand the impact of licensing fees on oil suppliers when deciding whether or not to enter into agreements with OEMs was enlightening.

For the second part of the technical session, Gordon demonstrated to the audience a brake job on a 928

currently in the shop. Tasks describe in detail were the removal and replacement of pads, disc wear limits and replacement vs. repair - turning down the Porsche, and most modern rotors is discouraged due to the increasing probability of disc warpage. Removing material to restore the surface can lead to increasingly rapid heat buildup under severe braking, so replacement is suggested in most cases, and always if worn beyond serviceable thickness.

The evening closed out with names being drawn for numerous door prizes, and two great raffle prizes, with winners Dick Uhl and Larry Rogers receiving an OBD code scanner and automotive hydraulic service jack, respectively, for having entered the drawing with their donations. Many thanks to all of the member donations for the drawing.



Castrol representatives informed the audience with discussion of trends in the motor oil industry

Tech Session at The Auto Clinic



Nick "accersorized" his Boxster with LED taillights



Gordon walks us through a brake job



One of the British project cars at the Auto Clinic

Tech Session at The Auto Clinic



New Member Dick Uhl was successful in the raffle drawing, winning a OBD code scanner.



Warren Beaver chooses carefully from the door prize selections



Larry Rogers wins the floor jack in the raffle drawing

Porsche Motorsport News

Source: Porsche Motorsport News

Once again, the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR is the world's most successful GT race car. The fastest racing-911, developed following the rules of the GT2 category and based on the principles of Porsche Intelligent Performance, left its mark on race tracks around the globe with good lap times, excellent reliability and particularly low fuel consumption. Powered by a 450 hp four-litre six-cylinder boxer engine, the vehicle triumphed in the GT2 category in 2010 at the Le Mans 24 hour race, won championships in the Le Mans Series and the American Le Mans Series and claimed overall victories at the 24 hour races in Dubai and Spa-Francorchamps. It won against strong competitors including Ferrari, BMW, Aston Martin.

The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, based on the road-legal 911 GT3 RS, not only impressed with race wins. In the American Le Mans Series, it was once again the GT vehicle with the best overall efficiency in the ratio of lap times and fuel consumption. For this, the vehicle was the overall winner of the environmental Michelin Green X Challenge for the second time in succession. And at the Le Mans 24 Hours, the RSR also won the Green X Challenge. "It's giving the right signal to place more importance on

the efficiency of a racing car," says Hartmut Kristen, Head of Porsche Motorsport. "Winning the Green X Challenge, which is a very important success for us, proves that the Porsche 911 is not only fast, but also very economical."

In its current form, the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of the 997 type has been sold to international customers since 2007. From year to year, the top model of 911 racing vehicles received ongoing modifications. The most conspicuous changes were made to the 2009-model. The capacity of the six-cylinder boxer engine at the rear grew from 3.8 to 4.0-litres, resulting in an optimised torque curve at reduced revs as well as better driveability. The most distinguishing feature of the still current 911 GT3 RSR is the redesigned front section with a large ventilation opening. Noticeable at first sight are the air outlet slots, the so-called louvers, on the front hood. They are an indication of the completely revamped air ducting of the radiators, which became necessary through the new design of supply and discharge air with the installation of an optional air-conditioning unit. The aerodynamics under the rear underwent further optimisation. The rear wing now features a wider adjustment range. Compared to the 2008-model, the weight-optimised brake system and the lighter wiring harness contribute to further improved driving dynamics.



Porsche Motorsport News

A great deal of know-how from the successful RS Spyder sports prototype went into the gearbox of the 911 GT3 RSR. The sequential six-speed gearbox developed by Porsche engineers is considerably lighter than the unit fitted in the predecessor and has much less internal friction. The flatter angle to the drive shafts allow teams greater scope for the suspension set-up.

The foundation for today's successes was already laid with the racing variants of the Porsche 911 996 type. Built to contest the GT class of the Le Mans 24 Hours, the 911 GT3 R clinched virtually all GT class wins in the 1999 American Le Mans Series. In 2001, the modified 911 GT3 RS version was raced. This vehicle was not just successful in its class, but also celebrated prestigious overall wins, with the two German Porsche works drivers Joerg Bergmeister and Timo Bernhard and team owner Kevin Buckler beating significantly more powerful prototypes at the Daytona 24 hour race in 2003. Porsche factory pilot Marc Lieb (Germany) won the 24 Hours of Spa with Romain Dumas (France) and Stéphane Ortelli (Monaco) in the same year beating all the much more powerful GT1 cars.

In the 2004 season, the successor model 911 GT3 RSR (996) made its debut. The output of its 3.6-litre six-cylinder boxer engine increased to 455 hp (335 kW) at 8,500 rpm, the maximum torque to 410 Nm at 7,200 rpm. By winning the American Le Mans Series (GT class), the Le Mans Endurance Series (GT) as well as the FIA GT Championship (N-GT), as well as class victories at the Le Mans and Spa 24 hour races and the Petit Le Mans event, the new racing sports car celebrated a brilliant debut season.

"It's impressive how the 911 GT3 RSR has developed from year to year. The lap times alone are astounding, because despite the restrictions imposed on us again and again by the regulations, the car just got faster every year," says Porsche works driver Joerg Bergmeister, who celebrated the majority of his successes at the wheel of the RSR. For this reason, the five-time winner of the American Le Mans Series is not at all anxious about tackling the 2011 season: "When you finish a season you always think: now we've reached our limit, now the car's gone as far as it can go. And then Porsche comes up with something new again. And I reckon it won't be any different in 2011."



2010 Parade Article

Submitted by Paul Elwyn, President and Newsletter Editor, Bluegrass Region

First Parade: Concours people and robin leave their mark

My first Parade experience as part of a Concours prep team provided a refreshing awareness of Porsche owners, accented by response to a robin in flight over the prep floor.

Fellow Bluegrass Region member Phillip Doty invited me to assist him and Chesapeake Region member Bob Gutjahr in preparing Bob's 1979 Sebring Edition 924 for Preservation competition.

Although I am not a Concours person, I have spent many hours working with experienced paint. My 14-year-old Carrera 4S turned 109,000 miles on the drive to Parade, so although I try to take care of my car whose panels remain free of dings (save one which I will not point out), she sports the patina of a Porsche that is well traveled, and that suits me.

Bluegrass Region member Robert McClelland and brother Richard, stretching on Friday evening from the 561-mile drive in their 356C, volunteered to join the work on Saturday.

I enjoy a display of low-mileage Porsches, but what really draws me in for a closer look is the car more traveled, not less. So I was happy to lay hands on the 924 approaching 100,000 miles, its Guards Red finish showing light scratches, stone chips and the oxidation that comes with age and use. Following my shift of polishing and waxing, the finish glowed a little more under the cruel brilliance of the overhead lighting.



Bob Gutjahr and his 1979 Sebring Edition 924

2010 Parade Article

The five of us enjoyed working on the 924, which won Second Place in class on Sunday, especially rewarding for Bob in his first Concours outing. We all felt some pride in having been a part of the win, but for me winning was secondary.

I was impressed with the enthusiasm of Concours car owners in the prep area who volunteered more information about their car than requested, searched for needed parts to complete our prep, people who have a great time sharing their car with others.

Parade, then, is about sharing the enthusiasm.

Paul Stewart on Friday evening, for instance, detailed his two Porsches in the parking lot in front of the hotel. This was his tenth Parade in the same 2001 Boxster, and his daily driver '87 924 with 134,000 miles posed alongside the Boxster, both cars in white paint, both equally loved. Although not Concours cars, Paul's enthusiasm for Porsche and for Parade equaled that of the Concours car owners, a telling reflection on Porsche ownership.

The uninformed imagine owners with Q-tips applied to hood hinges to be people with mental health issues, but from my first Parade experience, Concours people left their mark with me as super enthusiasts.

Enthusiasts who whoop loudly with laughter when a robin in frantic flight over the prep floor leaves his mark on a Concours body panel.

Porsche trivia -

- The 1898 Lohner-Porsche Elektromobil was the first car in the world with brakes on all four wheels.
- During the First World War, which was declared between Germany and Austria-Hungary against Serbia and its allies after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo, Ferdinand Porsche designed heavy transport vehicles: flatbed trailers with the wheels powered by individual hub-motors.
- Beutler Carrosserie turned closed 356s into open ones -- completing its first custom cabriolet in 1947, three years before Porsche came to North America and a full seven years before the 356 Speedster was introduced.
- Austrian-born U.S. importer Max Hoffman, who brought such brands as Alfa Romeo, BMW, Fiat, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen to North America, displayed the first U.S. Porsches in his New York City showroom by late 1950.
- Hoffman conducted Porsche 356 test drives on Park Avenue in New York, an accomplishment that could not be proficiently duplicated today.
- Hoffman's Porsche dealer showroom was designed by famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It is now a modern office building with a Mercedes-Benz dealership on the street level. Hoffman also contracted Wright to build his home in Rye, N.Y.
- Hoffman is also credited for the birth of the Porsche Speedster, with the intention of producing a lower-cost Porsche to compete with the Austin Healey 100, Triumph TR2 and MG models in the U.S.
- In the original 356 Speedster, a tachometer was not standard, nor were padded seats, sun visors or heaters.
- The first Porsche to appear at the New York Auto Show was in 1954 and was called "a snappy Porsche roadster."
- The Porsche Club of America was founded in 1955, only five years after Porsche was introduced to the U.S.
- The word "Continental" appeared on the side of the 1955 Porsche Coupe and Cabriolet, but only in North America.
- The Porsche of America Corporation was founded in 1956, taking over national representation of the brand from Hoffman.
- The first appearance of a Porsche at the now-historic 12 Hours of Sebring endurance race was in 1956, piloted by Hans Herrmann.
- The first Porsche series-produced roadster was aptly named the America Roadster for its intentional distribution entirely within the U.S.

October Meeting Notes

October 5, 2010 Meeting Notes

Allan & Pat Utecht are hosting a Last Open Road Party at their cottage. The menu for the evening meal will be the race fan menu from page 361 of the book "The Last Open Road" by Burt Levy.

Charlie and Barb Wise are hosting the November 2nd dinner at Mackinaws in Green Bay. Charlie reminded us we need to bring a wrapped \$3-\$5 gift per person for a game we'll play that night.

Also, please mark your calendars for December 11th for our annual Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Neenah.

Jim and Mary Haen have stepped up for the February 2011 meeting. We plan to head to Champions Sports Bar in the shadow of Lambeau Field. Watch the news letter for details.

You can check out Champions at www.championssportsbarandgrillgreenbay.com

Jeff and Chuck from Castrol gave a short presentation on GF5, the new oil standard. The new GF5 oils will be backward compatible with existing grades. For 2011, GM has specified Dexos approved motor oil. While Castrol and several other manufacturers have decided not to pay the exorbitant fees to label their products as GM Dexos approved, the oil they have developed is equivalent to the GM specified oils and can be used when changing your GM's oil. There are also many car brands that Castrol has "factory fill" relationships with that they wish to maintain. Also by making lubricants which are "equivalent" in specified performance, small shops do not need to carry multiple product lines with different labeling for every car manufacturer serviced.

Gordon demonstrated the steps of changing a 928 rear disc brake. Removing and replacing the rotor - showing us the proper use of a hammer, then a trick using threaded bolts to pull the really stubborn rotor. He also replaced the brake pads, and the brake pad wear sensor. He then covered the benefit of buying new rotors vs having them machined on a lathe to take off the high spots, and that new rotors are less prone to warping than ones that have been machined thinner. He also explained the difference between disc and drum brakes. Another important step was demonstrated in the bleeding of the brake lines to remove the air and moisture from the system. No one wants spongy brakes, especially not on the track.

Thanks to Gordon for furnishing munchies, pizza, beverages and MANY door prizes. He raffled off a floor jack and a code reader bringing in \$54.00 for charity. Also thanks to Castrol for their time in the evening and for donating freebies.

Several folks commented publicly and privately that this was one of the best tech sessions in many years.

Mary Haen

Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Allen Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster	2009
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2000 GT3	2009
Stephen Gering and son, Drew Gering	Oconto, WI	1981 924T, 1985 944, 1960 356, 1972 914-6	1996
James A. Keller	Oshkosh, WI	1987 944T, 1996 911	1997
Jerome & Cathy Mirek	Appleton, WI	1978 911	1996
Dennis & Madelyn Olson	Appleton, WI	1996 993 C4S	1996
Stacy Sensor & Jim Linnabary	Oshkosh, WI	2008 Carrera S	2000
Mark R. Smith & Carol Ziemer Smith	Oshkosh, WI	1988 944	1995
Richard A. & Julie Smith	Crivitz, WI	1998 Boxster	1998
R.W & M.E. Whitman	Green Bay, WI	2003 911	2002

New Members!!!

Robert & Hiltrude Geiser	Sussex, WI	1962 339 Super Red (Tractor)
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The Fox Valley region now has a membership record with 156 primary members and 134 affiliate members, for a grand total of 287 members.

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

It is estimated only 1 in 4 Porsche owners belong to PCA, so there are many more potential members to gain!

Regarding membership levels, this news is from Thomas Gorsuch, PCA National Membership Chair -

I thought you might enjoy some statistics about national membership. As of the end of August our club has over 58K primary members, over 104K total members. We are the largest single marque car club in the world.

From the Editor



The Learning Curve

Ovis ovem sequitur (One sheep follows another)

Looking beyond the populist ideology espoused frequently in these days preceding the mid-term elections, and attempting objective research of the various candidate's plans for shaping our future has been trying to say the least. As a quote attributed to Albert Einstein puts it; "Politics is far more complicated than physics."

While my personal views and values provide the template for judging the performance of incumbents and potential of their rivals, I do make an effort to study what unbiased and objective information is available regarding candidates views and plans for the future. That of course does take some looking to find, requiring study of opposing viewpoints and respect for differing opinions; that effort has provided me with the tools to make a rational decision that I feel confident of.

My choices, in case you are by now wondering if this is leading to an endorsement for any specific candidates - won't be found here. That decision is not on display, perhaps in part because we can be about 50% certain to disagree over something that has nothing to do with why we have become acquainted - but primarily because I simply want to ensure that you thinking about your vote.

Are you comfortable in your choice? Have you made one yet? You are voting, aren't you? Whoever your votes may be cast for, whether you are already certain or still undecided, I commend your sense of responsibility for voting. We each have a stake in the outcome of the election process, something we have been afforded the very personal opportunity to take part in on November 2nd. And please, don't be sheepish about it.

"If you would convince others, seem open to conviction yourself."

Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773) British statesman.

Hope to see you on the road!

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