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September 2011

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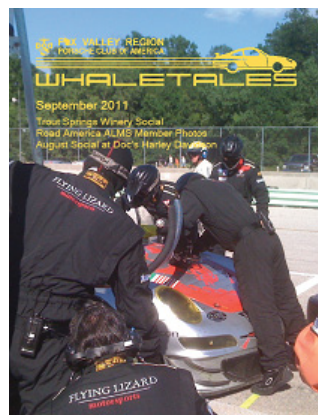
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On the cover



This month's cover photo was supplied by FVR member Bob Dean, who was lucky enough to win a tour of the pits while attending the Porscheplatz, enabling him to obtain some great photos of the action.

From the President



As fall approaches we would like to look back on what has been working and what could be better. Please take some time to visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BN7JG5W> to complete a short survey as we look forward to building our club calendar for the 2012 calendar year. Your input and participation is what makes the club all it can be so please share your thoughts and ideas via survey, email, phone, or in person.

Porsche evolves in their engineering and design to make a good thing even better and that is what our region must do as well. Please join us as we prepare for the fall season of driving and touring. Be sure to check the calendar and participate in the upcoming tours and events.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Andrew Opicka
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FVR Calendar of Events

September	Saturday, September 3, 2011 5th annual car show at Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center, followed by a dinner social at the Prellwitz's home. RSVP to lprellwitz@att.net
	Monday, September 5, 2011 Labor Day picnic Hosted By George Payne. 82targa@att.net
	Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18, 2011 Fox Valley Region Fall Tour hosted by James and Cindy Janes. porschepj123@yahoo.com or irjanes@omscom.com
October	Sunday, October 2, 2011 NEW! Door County tour - view a private auto collection, followed by lunch at Godon's Lodge in Baily's Harbor, hosted by Bob Hawley. robert.hawley@yahoo.com
	Tuesday, October 4, 2011 Tech session at Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog
	Saturday, October 15, 2011 Porsche Tractor and Antique Tractor Field Day event in Rubicon, WI, hosted by Robert Geiser. rgeiser@milwpc.com
November	Tuesday, November 8, 2011 November dinner/social, hosted by Barb and Charlie Wise
December	Saturday, December 17, 2011 Fox Valley Region Holiday Party Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net
January	Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Annual meeting/dinner at Victoria's Italian restaurant., hosted by Larry & Pat Rogers
February	Tuesday, February 7, 2012 New member dinner at Plum Hill in Kaukauna, hosted by Jim & Lisa Stephenson
March	Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Spring Tech Session at the Auto Clinic, hosted by Gordon Skog
April	Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Dinner/social - Location and host: TBD
May	Tuesday, May 1, 2012 "Spring Opener" dinner/social/car show at Jim & Linda's in Pipe, WI, hosted by Allan and Pat Utecht
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
	Tuesday, June 5, 2012 Dinner/social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh, hosted by John & Jeanne Strublic
	Saturday, June 9 - Sunday, June 10, 2012 UP Tour - Anatomy of the U.P. hosted by Al Curran
	Saturday, June 23, 2012 Ladies' Only tour - Lap Around Lake Winnebago, hosted by Laura Prellwitz
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
August	Saturday, August 4, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor
	Tuesday, August 7, 2012 Dinner/social at Bavarian Inn, host: TBD
September	Saturday, September 1, 2012 Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche, hosted by Nick Proctor
	Monday, September 3, 2012 - Labor Day Picnic, tentative, Host: TBD
	Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16, 2012 Fox Valley Region 2012 Fall Tour to Paradise, Michigan, hosted by Jamie and Laura Prellwitz lprellwitz@att.net

FVR Calendar of Events

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	December - Holiday Party

Correcting and clarifying:

In the August issue, we reported on the 65th annual Open House and car show at the Zero to 60 Garage in Sherwood, WI, July 24th. We again wish to thank fellow FVR-PCA member Dave Treichel and business partner Jim Wagner for hosting the 65th annual Open House and car show. And along with that in mentioning the FVR members: Gordon Skog & Debbie Houle, Andrew Opicka, Charlie & Barb Wise, Jim Stephenson, Tim & Judy St. Aubin, Laura & Jamie Prellwitz, and Craig Reich as having great examples of Porsches on display, two other members deserve recognition for displaying vehicles at that event also. Apologies to Bill Saler and Robert Geiser for failing to mention them in the article last month, and a sincere thank you for supporting this great FVR event!

What: 5th Annual Car Show at Manitowoc Health Care Center with FREE dinner at Prellwitz's afterwards

When: Saturday, September 3, 2011

Where: Manitowoc Health Care Center
2021 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc, WI
44.07446, -87.740968

Details: Please join us for an informal and non-competitive car show to bring a bit of joy and excitement to the residents of the nursing home and rehabilitation center from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. (You may arrive earlier if you wish). The center is located at 2021 South Alverno Road, just one block north of Hwy. 151, across the road from Silver Lake College. Light refreshments will be served, and please bring your own folding chairs. The show is held in the circle driveway of the facility and is open to anyone with a classic, collector, or exotic car.

Contact: In appreciation for your generosity, all show participants are invited to a free social, dinner, and campfire at the Prellwitz's immediately following the conclusion of the show. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than Wednesday, August 31 to lprellwitz@att.net or 920-242-1644.

September 2011

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Upcoming Events

Gehört auf der Straße (Heard on the Road)

- There is one reminiang event on the Central Wisconsin Region Autocross schedule for 2011, at Rockford Speedway on **Sunday, Spetember 11**. As always, the members of the Fox Valley Region are welcome to attend. Cost is \$40 for PCA members. Helmets are required, and we may have some loaners available.
- On **Sunday, September 18**, the German Car Show will once again be held during the Chippewa Falls OKTOBERFEST being held the weekend of September 16-18. Last year there were 52 cars at this show, and Tom Etmund of the Oktoberfest Planning Committee invites everyone to make this event a weekend get away and enjoy the 3 days of fun, 3 stages of music and plenty of Geman foods to feast upon. Local motels are usually full this weekend so make reservations early.
- And just a final reminder, the FVR PCA membership has been invited to attend the Milwaukee Masterpiece Concours d'Elegance, which celebrates automotive art and history hosting over 150 exhibitors from across the United States and Europe at Veterans Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront. <http://www.milwaukee-masterpiece.com>

Club Day - **Saturday, August 27**

Concours d'Elegance - **Sunday, August 28**

What: Door County Tour

When: Sunday, October 2, 2011

Where: Meet 10:00am at intersection of Kewaunee County Highway S and WI 57 east of Dyckesville, WI

Details: Bob Hawley will lead the group from Sturgeon Bay towards Lake Michigan, and then to a private vevhicle collection for a tour sure to be of interest to any Porsche owner. Then, the group will travel to Gordon's Lodge in Baileys Harbor, for a 1:00pm lunch, with choice of three selections for around \$20 each.

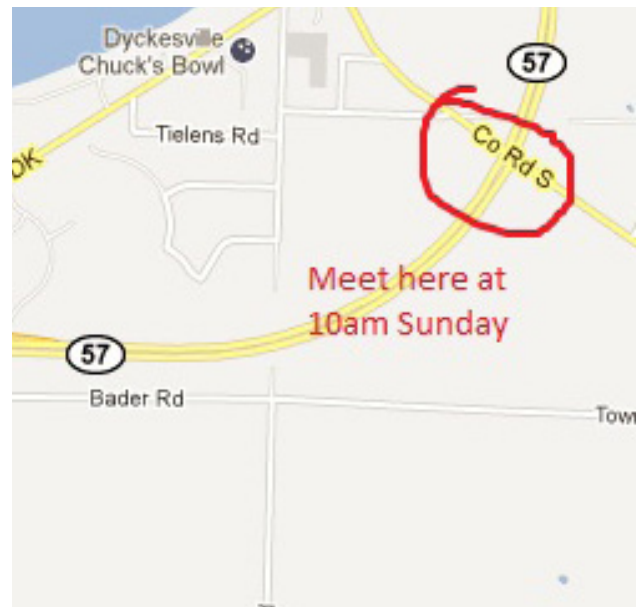
For those who might make a weekend of it, Bob Hawley and other FVR members will be hosting a Saturday evening beach fire at Bob Hawley's in Jacksonport on the evening prior to the tour.

Contact:

For more information contact Bob Hawley at robert.hawley@yahoo.com

October 2011

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Upcoming Events

What: Labor Day Picnic at Road America

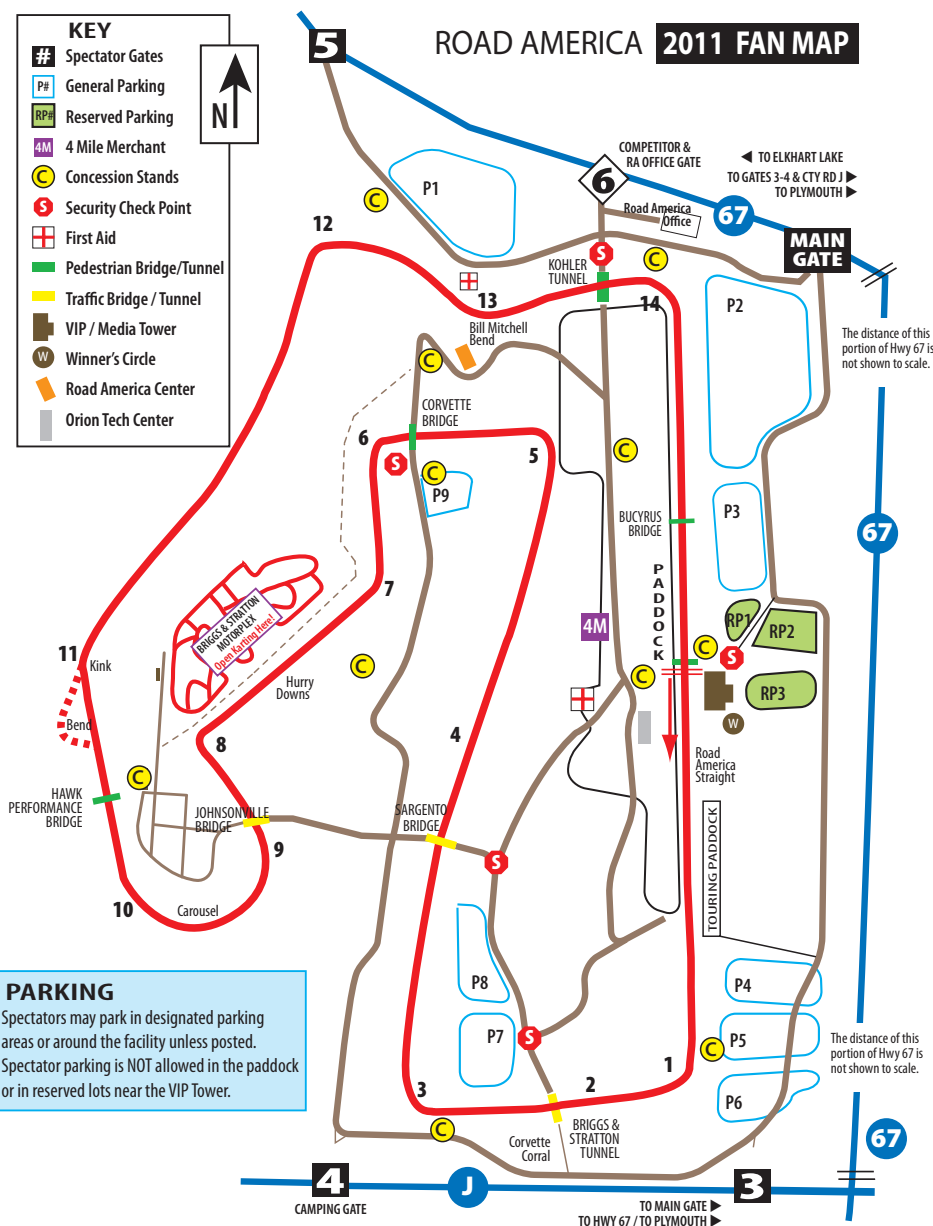
When: Monday, September 5

Details:

Labor Day Picnic at Road America will begin at 10 a.m. Members can invite immediate family along with interested/possible new members. We will be extending an informal invite to the other regions at the track this year, along with a **change of location**. The picnic will be located **inside the track at the 356 club's area located by turn 5**. (Old Porsche Park) The club will supply meat, buns, chips and condiments. A dish to pass would be welcomed as in the past. We are asking for volunteers for setup, cooking and cleanup. No need to RSVP. Come out and enjoy a Great view of the races at Road America.

September 2011

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



FVR 2011 Fall Tour

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



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

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

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

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

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Trout Springs Winery Social

Trout Springs Winery Social
By Mark Wilkinson

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 30, Fox Valley Region members and guests enjoyed a social event at Trout Springs Winery near Greenleaf. Hosts, and winery owners, Steve & Andrea Debaker provided informative winery tours for their guests and fellow Porsche owners.

Following the winery tours and some socializing, a delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by the participants in a wonderfully relaxing atmosphere.

It was in this relaxing setting that potential plans were being considered for a very interesting possible future FVR event early in 2012. Please do take a moment to take the survey Andrew mentioned in this month's president's report and have your say in the type of events to be held in the future.



Porsches lined the driveway at Trout Springs



Socializing prior to the winery tour

Trout Springs Winery Social



There is always room for yet a few more Porsches



Delicious potluck dinner

Trout Springs Winery Social



Recent members, Bob and Hiltud Geiser (left) socialize with the FVR members. Center, new member Jeanne Brock, and her friend, Patrick (potential new member from Marquette, MI), discuss being 928 owners fellow member, and club treasurer, Larry Rogers.



Nick's Cayenne Turbo S

Road America ALMS Member Photos

Commentary by Mark Wilkinson
Photos by Robert Dean

Fox Valley Region member Bob Dean offered us a few of the photos he took during last weekend's ALMS race at Road America, one of which is on the cover this month. His great fortune in winning a tour of the pits while attending Porscheplatz provided him an opportunity for many once in a lifetime photos; here are a few more samples of his effort.



August Social at Doc's Harley Davidson

August Social event at Timeline Saloon and Doc's Harley Davidson
By Laura Prellwitz

Due to some extremely soggy and humid weather, most members opted to leave the P-car in the garage on Tuesday, August 2. However, it didn't damper our spirits in meeting "Doc" from "Doc's Harley Davidson" in Bonduel and having a fun evening. Thanks to Al and Pam Kuck for coordinating and hosting the evening and providing the 20 members and guests who attended with a unique experience. After some social time, Doc gave the group an overview of how his business came to be and history of his life and love of motorcycles and cars. From there, we had a personal tour of the Muscle Car Museum which is an amazing collection of more than just cars, but many one-of-a kind items and antiques. Additionally, we visited the adjacent zoo, consisting of emus, peacocks, snakes, parrots, a camel, buffalo, fainting goats, donkey, and alligators. The evening concluded with delicious food from the newly constructed restaurant. Many of us ordered the ribs, a specialty of the Timeline Saloon and Restaurant. Lastly, Al and Pam had a large variety door of prizes, including two hooded sweatshirts donated by Doc. Nearly everyone left with a prize.

Our sincere appreciation to Al and Pam Kuck for organizing a fun summer evening for us.



Prior to the tour of the Muscle Car Museum, Al Kuck and "Doc" smile for the camera

August Social at Doc's Harley Davidson



Doc gives the group some background and history of the development of his business



Jim Prellwitz, Sr. and Jim Prellwitz, Jr. check out one of the many collector motorcycles

August Social at Doc's Harley Davidson



Gordon checks an original "General Lee" from the "Dukes of Hazzard" autographed by Roscoe P. Coltrain



The 10-seat motorcycle

August Social at Doc's Harley Davidson



One of four (live!) alligators on display



1970 Hemi Cuda for sale \$600,000

Road America ALMS results

Best Porsche in fourth narrowly misses podium

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

Just one second separated the Porsche works drivers Joerg Bergmeister (Germany) and Patrick Long (USA) from their second podium result of the season at the four hour race in Elkhart Lake. In the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR fielded by Flying Lizard Motorsports, the title defenders claimed fourth place in the GT class at round six of the American Le Mans Series on the legendary Road America race track. Porsche factory pilot Wolf Henzler (Germany), who recently won the race in Mid-Ohio with his American teammate Bryan Sellers, finished sixth in the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR run by the Falken Tire squad.

Whenever the world's fastest sports cars compete on this challenging circuit in the US state of Wisconsin, excitement is guaranteed. And this year was no exception. Especially in the fiercely-contested GT class, fans were treated to spirited fights for positions and spectacular overtaking manoeuvres. With just 13 minutes left to the flag, Joerg Bergmeister, five-time winner at Road America, was running in third after a strong performance and held hopes for his second podium result of the year after finishing second in Lime Rock. But he was unable to defend his position to the finish line.



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Paul Miller Racing: Sascha Maassen, Bryce Miller

Road America ALMS results

“We had a good day and achieved the best possible result. We couldn’t manage better than fourth today. When an opponent is able to pass us on the outside in a place that is not a braking zone, well, that says a lot about the rule-makers grading of the Porsche,” said Joerg Bergmeister. Patrick Long added, “Our strategy put us in a position for a top placing, and our pit stops ran perfectly. We had hoped for a better result, but have to settle for what we achieved. The difference between the first and the fourth today came down to a reason that we have no influence over.”

Right at the start, Wolf Henzler made up four places and was at times on course for a podium spot. “That was our team’s best performance on a dry circuit,” he said. “Over much of the distance, our Porsche could match the pace of the best BMW, Ferrari and Corvettes - and we can be happy about this. The tyres are becoming increasingly better and our pit crew worked hard over the entire race distance to keep us in the top six.”

At his debut on the Road America circuit, Porsche works driver Marco Holzer (Germany) saw the flag in Flying Lizard’s second Porsche 911 GT3 RSR in ninth - two places behind Sascha Maassen (Germany) and Bryce Miller (USA), who brought the Porsche 911 GT3 RSR run by Paul Miller Racing home in seventh.



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

Road America ALMS results

Victory in the GTC class went to the two-time Supercup champion Jeroen Bleekemolen (Netherlands) with his American teammate Tim Pappas in the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup. Britain's Sean Edwards, the current points' leader in the Porsche Mobil1 Supercup, led to the final lap until tyre damage robbed him of his win. He finished third.

Round 7 of the American Le Mans Series takes place on 3 September on the new street circuit in Baltimore in the US state of Maryland.

Facts and figures - American Le Mans Series

The American Le Mans Series (ALMS) was created in 1999 for sports prototypes and GT vehicles. The regulations correspond to those of the Le Mans 24 hour race.

GT class: This most popular class amongst car manufacturers is traditionally extremely well supported: Slightly modified standard sports cars with 440 to 500 hp and a minimum weight of 1,125 - 1,325 kilograms (e.g. Porsche 911 GT3 RSR).

GTC class: This class is reserved for vehicles from one-make race series (e.g. Porsche 911 GT3 Cup).

LMP1 class: Sports prototypes with up to 550 hp and a minimum weight of 900 kilograms.

LMP2 class: Sports prototypes with ca. 440 hp and an 825 kg minimum weight.

LMPC class: Prototype brand trophy series for the ORECA FLM 09.

All race cars start together but are classified separately according to their respective classes. This ensures exciting and diverse racing with many overtaking manoeuvres. Points are only awarded for placings in each class.



Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, Team Falken Tire: Wolf Henzler, Bryan Sellers

The new Porsche 911 Carrera

Tradition meets modernity

Source: Porsche AG Press Release

At 48, the Porsche 911 Carrera is younger than ever: The completely redesigned generation of the sports car icon is stepping into the limelight with its flat, stretched silhouette, exciting contours and precisely designed details, yet from the very first glance it remains unmistakably a 911. True to the 911 tradition, the distinctive Porsche design language with its tendons and muscles exudes power and elegance.

The 100 millimetre (~ 3.9 inches) longer wheelbase and reduced height combined with the up to 20-inch wheels underpin the athletic appearance. At the same time, the typical sports car compact exterior dimensions were retained. Seen from the front, the eye is drawn to the 911's trademark wide-arched wings. They emphasise the wider front track, so that the new 911 Carrera models sit even more solidly on the road. The remodelled exterior mirrors are accommodated on the upper edge of the door and not as before on the mirror triangle. Not only is this aerodynamically advantageous, it also emphasises the new design line and visual impression of width.

The all-new, lightweight body is an intelligent aluminium-steel construction. It is responsible for a significant proportion of the weight reduction of up to 45 kilograms. Combined with significantly greater rigidity. Aerodynamic optimisation - including a wider, variably extending rear spoiler - enabled the new 911 Carrera's lift to be reduced yet further while retaining a very good Cd value.

To complement the modern exterior design, the Porsche designers created an interior, the architecture of which takes its cue from the Porsche Carrera GT. The driver is now even more closely integrated with the cockpit thanks to the centre



911 Carrera Coupe

The new Porsche 911 Carrera

console rising up to the front with the high-mounted shift lever or gear selector located especially close to the steering wheel in typical motorsport fashion. Classic Porsche elements are also to be found inside, as they are on the outside: the instrument cluster with five round instruments - one of them a high resolution multifunction screen, the central rev counter and the ignition lock to the left of the steering wheel.

Setting the standard in its class, as it has for generations, the new 911 Carrera and Carrera S raise the performance and efficiency bar yet another notch. All versions get by with significantly less than ten litres of fuel per 100 kilometres (28 mpg imp.). Fuel consumption and emissions are up to 16 per cent lower compared with its predecessor. Among other things, this is achieved by systems and functions such as auto start/stop, thermal management, electrical system recuperation, the world's first seven-speed manual transmission and - in conjunction with the Porsche-Doppelkupplungsgetriebe (PDK) - sailing as it is called. The new electro-mechanical power steering offers not only Porsche's typical precision and feedback but also helps to increase efficiency and reduce fuel-consumption.

For example, the 911 Carrera with the new 350 hp (~ 257 kW) 3.4-litre boxer engine and optional PDK consumes a mere 8.2 litres per 100 kilometres (~ 34 mpg imp.) based on the New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) - 1.6 l/100 km (~ 6 mpg imp.) less than its predecessor. Also, at 194 g/km CO₂, it is the first Porsche sports car to make it below the 200 g/km mark. With the 911 Carrera S as well, with its 3.8-litre boxer engine and what is now 400 hp (~ 294 kW), fuel consumption when paired with the optional PDK is reduced by 14 per cent or 1.5 l/100 km (~ 5 mpg imp.) to 8.7 l/100 km (~ 32 mpg imp.) despite 15 hp (~ 11 kW) more power. That equates to CO₂ emissions of 205 g/km.

At the same time there are performance improvements in both models. The 911 Carrera S with PDK manages to accelerate from nought to 100 km/h (~ 62 mph) in 4.3 seconds. Pressing the Sport Plus button on the optional Sport



911 Carrera S Coupe

The new Porsche 911 Carrera

Chrono package cuts that to 4.1 seconds. The 911 Carrera with PDK needs only 4.6 seconds (Sport Plus 4.4 seconds) to sprint from a standing start to 100 km/h (~ 62 mph).

The new 911 doesn't just offer better longitudinal dynamics, however, but top performance at an unprecedented level in terms of transverse dynamics as well. In addition to the longer wheelbase, the greater agility, precision and driving stability are based, among other things, on the wider front track, the new rear axle and new electro-mechanical power steering. Depending on the model, there are other standard or optional active control systems available as well that further enhance the driving dynamics. That is especially true for the Porsche Dynamic Chassis Control (PDCC) active roll stabilisation system, available for the first time on the 911 Carrera S. For example, the system reduces lateral inclination when cornering, the tyres always being in the optimal position relative to the road surface and able to transmit higher lateral forces. Maximum cornering speeds are increased; even faster lap times on racing circuits are possible.

It has therefore been possible in the new model to extend yet further the span of apparently contradictory attributes such as performance and efficiency, sportiness and everyday practicality that has always typified the Porsche 911. That makes the 911 Carrera more of a 911 than ever. The new Porsche 911 Carrera celebrates its world premiere at the 2011 IAA Frankfurt Motor Show. The launch of the new 911 models gets under way on 3 December 2011, the new cars can be ordered from September 1st. Prices in Germany are 88,038 euro for the 911 Carrera and 102,436 euro for the 911 Carrera S, including 19 per cent VAT and market-specific equipment.

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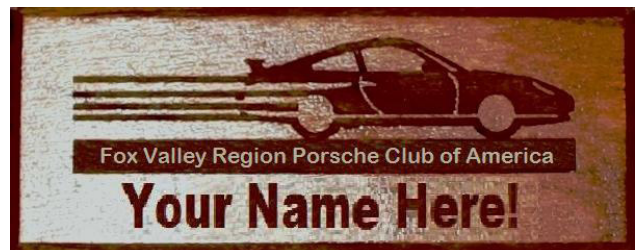
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Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Jeanne Brock	Fond Du Lac, WI	1989 928	2008
Al Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster	2009
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2010 GT3	2009
Steve Gering & son Drew Gering	Oconto, WI	1972 914-6	1996
Robert Huebner	Kiel, WI	1964 356	1999
Wayne & Gail Kindschy	Neenah, WI	2004 GT3	1979
John & Charmaine Luczak	Fond Du Lac, WI	1986 944	1991
Jerome & Cathy Mirek	Appleton, WI	1978 911	1996
Dennis & Madelyn Olson	Appleton, WI	1996 993 C4S	1996
Justin Pauly	Chicago, IL	1985 930 T	2008
James & Laura Prellwitz	Manitowoc, WI	1987 911	1999
Steven & Roxie Radich	Neenah, WI	2001 Boxster	2010
Stacey Sensor & Jim Linnabary	Oshkosh, WI	2008 Carrera S	2000
Ilan Shapiro	Appleton, WI	2001 Boxster S	2009
Richard & Julie Smith	Crivitz, WI	1998 Boxster	1998
R & M Whitman	Green Bay, WI	2003 911	2002
Gary & Barb Zink	Fond Du Lac, WI	1987 911 Carrera	2010

Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)
Tim & Colleen Krolczyk	Minocqua, WI	2008 Boxster
Tim Schellinger & Laurel Kenney-Schellinger	Appleton, WI	2009 911 Carrera
Dan Wells & Amy Schultz	Oshkosh, WI	2003 911

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From the Editor

The Learning Curve

Although having “come of age” at least in terms of automotive interest during the heyday of Detroit’s muscle car era, the wave of retro vehicles that have become available in recent years has not really done much to catch my interest. At least not in the “gotta have it” type of salivations I recall of years; uh, well - decades ago. Maybe for the best, I couldn’t afford it then, and nowadays needing to stretch today’s dollars a bit thinner in the hopes of enjoying a retirement with a bit of fun money available means once again, I need to resist that buying impulse.

Not that I’ve been that smitten the second time around anyway. The Dodge Challenger R/T Classic? Guess I never was a fan of that, but the Hemi ‘Cuda was pretty awesome in the day. Pony up to the Pony car express? Mustangs will always have a place in automotive history, and the retro versions are light years ahead in performance, but for some reason this new breed of horse just doesn’t trip my trigger. The new Camaro, interesting I agree. The 600+ HP Camaro SS is another example of modern engine technology refining the old designs to achieve far greater performance than the predecessor.

And it was only a week or so ago, the thought came to me that it is telling, in so many ways, that Porsche simply has no need for retro design. As stated in the article included in this month’s issue of Whaletales obtained through a Porsche AG Press Release “The new Porsche 911 Carrera - Tradition meets modernity”, the 911 is 48 now years young. Retro seems to be a bit shallow, when compared to enduring.

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