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"An Evening of Decadence" Follow-up  
FVR Member Focus: Jim & Mary Haen

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## Cover Page

FVR member Bob Dean provided this photo along with his essay in this issue of Whaletales, titled "The Le Mans Experience". His story is enjoyable to read, as his descriptions of the sights, sounds, and smells of the 24 Heures Du Mans provides an opportunity for a vicarious visit to a legendary racing venue.





# From Your Region's President

As summer begins to come to a close, I am so very grateful to Bob & Hiltrude Geiser from the FVR and Trevor Passmore from the Central Wisconsin (CWI) region, who hosted and invited me to participate in their most excellent tours in August. Both of them took me on roads that I had never driven on in Wisconsin ever before which were amazingly scenic, not to mention perfectly built for Porsche driving fun! Bob's tour around the Holy Hill and Kettle Moraine areas was completely different from the tour he had scripted last year, and was even better (which was a challenge to top, I'm sure). I drove 485 miles round trip on a Sunday to join the CWI members and was immediately made to feel welcome. What a nice group of PCA folks! I have also never had so much enjoyment driving my 2002 Boxster S. We had a great adventure together! I hope we can continue to network with the good people in the CWI and have more joint ventures in the future. If you recall, several CWI members also joined our spring tour.

Looking ahead, our upcoming calendar is quite full, with more driving, social, and educational events. Be sure to check out the calendar in the newsletter, mark your personal calendar for the activities you can attend, and make those RSVP's. Please note, the fall tour is full! Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm for this annual outing, and thanks to Jim Janes for all of his planning and organizing of this most anticipated event. In reviewing the roster, it appears we have some fall tour "virgins"; we are always very happy to see a member trying something new with our club. Thank you also to Warren & Joyce Beaver who have already volunteered to host next year's fall tour which will likely takes us to the southwestern part of Wisconsin.

The Board and I continue to work on building the calendar for 2015 as it will be a most exciting year for us as we celebrate our 25th anniversary specifically on June 27-28, but all throughout the year with extra-special events. Thank you to those of you who have already make your reservations at the Landmark Resort, submitted your reservation forms to me for the dinner and Concours, and reserved your specially designed shirts. The momentum is building!

Thank you again for your promotion of the club to Porsche owners. Our membership continues to keep climbing to new record heights and all of the new members report they learned about the club from a current member inviting them to join. Terrific! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Looking forward to seeing you and your beautiful Porsche at an event soon!

Trivia Question: Does anyone recognize where the photo (right) was taken?

Laura Prellwitz,  
President and Co-Social Chairperson, FVR-PCA



# FVR Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 13 - Car Show to support DVC Capital Campaign, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm at 2916 County Road B, Manitowoc. Hosted by Roy and Darlen Geigel, call (920) 682-5282 for more information.

Saturday, September 20 - Car caravan to Weston for dinner at WISH ([Wisconsin Steak House](#)). Co-hosted by club member and restaurant owner, Bob Kasten. Depart from the Auto Clinic, Neenah at 3:00pm. Social time 5:00 - 6:30. Dinner at 6:30pm. RSVP by September 9 to [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

Sunday, September 21 - Oktoberfest German Car Show, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at 225 Edward St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 Contact Tom at [tetmund@charter.net](mailto:tetmund@charter.net) for more information.

Saturday, September 27 - Social gathering at Doug Richter's Ranch, 4:00 pm to ?? at 209 N County Road S, Cato. Contact [Doug-Richter@comcast.net](mailto:Doug-Richter@comcast.net) (please put "Fall Social" in the subject line) or call (920) 775-4946

Saturday October 4 - Chili Social in De Pere, hosted by Todd and Shelia Benz

Friday October 10 - Sunday, October 12 - Fall tour to St. Croix area hosted by Jim and Cindy Janes

Tuesday, November 4 - Social and dinner at Mackinaw's in Green Bay. Hosted by Jim & Mary Haen. RSVP by November 1st to [mehaen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, December 13 - holiday party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. Hosted by Gordon Skog

Saturday, February 21, 2015 - Chicago Auto Show Deluxe Motor Coach trip, contact [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - Annual FVR Board meeting at OB's Brau Haus, Appleton, [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 - Spring opener at jim & Linda's, Pipe, WI, hosted by Alan & Pat Utecht, contact [allanu@walsdorffroofing.com](mailto:allanu@walsdorffroofing.com)

Saturday, May 9, 2015 - Tech session on garage lifts, at the home of Bryan Robertson in Menasha, contact [bryan187247@hotmail.com](mailto:bryan187247@hotmail.com)

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - Dinner social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh. Hosted by John & Jeanne Strubic.

Saturday, June 27, 2015 - FVR 25th Anniversary Celebration at Landmark Resort, 4929 Landmark Drive, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin. For more information, contact club President, Laura Prellwitz at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)

Saturday, September 5, 2015 - Picnic at Road America. Opportunity for parade lap coordinated by Milwaukee Region and FVR 25th anniversary committee.

**What:** 2014 Holiday Party, hosted by Gordon Skog and Debbie Houle

**When:** Saturday, December 13, 2014

**Where:** Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk  
123 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

More details on the annual holiday extravaganza coming next month!

Be sure to mark your calendars, as this annual FVR event has been one of the most highly attended each year!

# September 13, 2014

Rain Date: September 20

To benefit the Domestic Violence Center  
Capital Campaign to build a new shelter

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- 3rd Annual Awards for BEST IN SHOW and PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- Food and refreshments will be available - in appreciation of a donation.

**Call Roy & Darlene Geigel at 920-682-5282 for more information**



Pledge information  
available at the show



Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center

# September 20, 2014: Drive and Dine to WISH!

Fellow FVR-PCA member, Robert (Bob) Kasten owns a delightful restaurant in Weston, WI (near Wausau) called WISH. Why the unusual name? Bob explains, "It is an acronym for Wisconsin Steak House." The menu is available on their website, [www.wishsteakhouse.com](http://www.wishsteakhouse.com). Saturday night features an award-winning prime rib as well. WISH has been selected "Best Fine Dining, Best Steaks" three years in a row from the Wausau Daily Herald Readers' Choice Awards. It has also won "Best Desserts", "Best Prime Rib", and various other awards. Everything except one dessert item is made in-house which includes salad dressings and all sauces.

Bob goes on to explain, "We have our own one acre organic garden where we grow our own vegetables such as peas, beans, cucumbers, squash, and over 100 tomato plants. It takes three full-time people to work the garden. We also grow herbs plus chives and asparagus." In fall there will be fresh tomatoes and some autumn vegetable items, too.

There is a small outdoor patio with tables and chairs.

"We have over 150 different wines and been listed in Wine Spectator magazine every year since 2009. We have, at any given time, 25 wines by the glass. Our beer selection is very eclectic and includes beers both on tap and in the bottle that one would not normally expect which includes Belgium beers and Central Walters, a local brewery gaining national recognition."

"We do not strive to be the biggest, but do strive to be the best."



The Prellwitz's will lead a car caravan from the Shell gas station on Hwy. 29 West of Green Bay on Milltown Road to WISH. We will depart at 3:30 PM and will arrive at WISH about 5:00 PM. Social time commences upon arrival with dinner from the menu at 6:30 PM. Those not participating in the car caravan should meet the group at WISH beginning at 5:00 PM.

RSVP's should be made to [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net) by September 15th at the latest.

# September 20, 2014: FVR "Social Gathering"

Who - FVR PCA members and guests

What - Social Gathering Pre fall tour get together

Where - Doug Richter Ranch 209 N County Rd S Cato WI 54230 (just west of Manitowoc)

When - Saturday September 27th  
4:00 pm to ???

September 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Why - Just because!

What to expect - Conversation and Laughter, Snacks, NA Beverages, Adult Beverages, Messy Garage Tour, Pizza and retire to the Party Deck and later fire pit.  
Once everyone is here we will order some of the lakeshore's best pizza delivered. Plan for 6-6:30 dinner  
In the event of inclement weather we can move indoors and still mingle and talk cars. I'll light the fire about 7:30

What to bring - Lawn chairs, any special beverages required. A grill is available if people wish to cook something other than pizza.  
Perhaps a sweatshirt or blanket if you want to sit my the fire later.  
I will provide water, assorted pop, Rolling Rock and Coors Light & Pizza

Plenty of parking for everyone.

R.S.V.P. not required but appreciated. if you don't know, it's ok. If your schedule allows, just show up!

Email - [Doug-Richter@comcast.net](mailto:Doug-Richter@comcast.net) (please put "Fall Social" in the subject line)

Or Call - (920) 775-4946 and leave a message if I am not home.

Doug Richter



# October 10-12, 2014: The Great River Run!



Just an update from last month's newsletter. Be sure to reserve your rooms and let us know you are attending. Cindy and I did the first run last month and found some great roads new stops and a new winery that we would like to share with you.

October 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Leaving Appleton on Friday we will travel to the Wisconsin River at Nokoosa, travel through the State Park to Black River Falls. From there we will run Porsche roads to Galesville and on to Winona. Happy Hour at The Riverport Inn (507.452.0606) (Rooms \$119.99 + tax) and dinner at the Jefferson Pub and Grill, the drive-in will be closed for the season. [www.jeffersonpub.com](http://www.jeffersonpub.com)

Saturday starts with a view of the river from atop the bluff, then a run up the river to the Maiden Rock Winery & Cidery. [www.maidenrockwinerycidery.com](http://www.maidenrockwinerycidery.com) Lunch spot is still yet to be determined. After lunch we will travel to Prescott and view the meeting of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers. (Thanks Mike and Mary for the route.) Driving up the St. Croix we will stop at the quaint Marine on St Croix before heading to the Holiday Inn Express, St Croix Falls. (715.483.5775) (Rooms \$110.00 + tax) Happy Hour and wine tasting at the Dancing Dragonfly Winery with Dinner at Paradise Landing on Balsam Lake. [www.dancingdragonflywinery.com](http://www.dancingdragonflywinery.com) [www.paradiselandingwi.com](http://www.paradiselandingwi.com)

Sunday is on your own, unless, those of us who want to indulge will take highway 53 to Chippewa Falls and the Leinenkugel Brewery, and /or a stop for ice cream at the Hawkeye Dairy in Abbotsford. [www.leinie.com](http://www.leinie.com) [www.hawkeyedairy.com](http://www.hawkeyedairy.com)

Please sign up by making your reservations as early as possible, but no later than September 3rd. Also email me at [jrjanes@omscom.com](mailto:jrjanes@omscom.com) on your attendance. If you are not joining us at the start, please tell me where you plan on joining the Tour. Happy Summer Travels!



# November 4, 2014: Dinner at Mackinaw's

Please join us November 4th at Mackinaw's Grill & Spirits in Green Bay for dinner and social time. We'll gather between 5:00 and 6:30 PM in our own dining room for some conversation and sharing of stories with dinner from the menu at 6:30.

## November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

For those of you new to Mackinaws, you're in for a real treat. It's conveniently located just off of I-43 at 2925 Voyager Dr in Green Bay. If you want to take a peek at their site just to preview their wonderful menu, you can find them at <http://www.mackinaws.com> (Jimmy highly recommends the Elk Stroganoff.)

The hospitality of fellow member & proprietor of Mackinaw's, Pat Quinn, has made this an enjoyable and well attended annual event.

Please send your RSVP to Mary and Jim Haen at [mehaen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net) by November 1st so we have a head count for adequate seating. We hope to see you there!



# February 21, 2015: Chicago Auto Show

## Motor coach trip to Chicago Auto Show

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

It has been three years, but the FVR-PCA will once again be offering a deluxe motor coach trip to the Chicago Auto Show on Saturday, 2/21/15. **SAVE THE DATE!**

- 7:00AM - Depart from the Auto Clinic, 1495 County Road II, Neenah, WI
- 8:00AM - Stop in Lomira for breakfast (also another departure point for anyone who wants to join from there)
- Depart about 8:45; head to McCormick Place. Arrive about noon.
- Depart show at 4:00 PM. Stop at Mirabell German restaurant in Chicago for supper.  
<http://mirabellrestaurant.weebly.com>
- Depart Mirabell about 5:45. Arrive back to Auto Clinic about 9:00 PM.

Bus fare \$30 per person, plus admission ticket to the show (tickets available ahead of time online for about \$12). The motor coach has individual seating, restroom, DVD player, and Wifi. More registration details will be published in fall. Family, friends, and co-workers are welcome to join us!

Contact Laura Prellwitz at [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net) for more information.



### Best German food: German restaurants for bratwursts and more

Chicago's rich German heritage is on display via bratwursts, German beer and more at the city's best spots for German food.



Mirabell is one of the best German restaurants in Chicago.

The cozy side room and larger dinner hall are the kind of authentic setups you usually associate with tourist brochures. But there's nothing contrived about the food. A carnivore's delight, the menu features tremendous sauerbraten, an outstanding sausage sampler and some of the best goulash in the English-speaking world. Mirabell may be best known for its bar, featuring a staggering array of heady German beers—but the restaurant shouldn't be overlooked.

3454 W Addison St. Chicago, IL  
(773-463-1962, [mirabellrestaurant.com](http://mirabellrestaurant.com)).  
Lunch, dinner (closed Mon). Average main

Photo: Chandler West Published: July 9, 2013 -excerpt



# June 27, 2015: FVR 25th Anniversary



## 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## At the Landmark Resort

To start the celebration, a gimmick rallye will begin in the Kewaunee area about noon and will conclude at the Landmark at about 3:00 PM. Trophies given for 1st - 3rd places. A car show, open to the public, will be held in a special reserved parking area from 3:30 - dusk. A "Peoples' Choice", "Best of Show & Shine", and "Best of Show" trophies will be awarded. Members will be photographed with their car. Banquet dinner, award presentation and many other surprises begin at 6:30 PM. Evening entertainment to follow. Sunday morning is a golf outing at Alpine Golf Course or scenic driving tour to Cana Island Lighthouse.

For more information, contact club President, Laura Prellwitz via the FVR website

<http://fv.pca.org> or [lprellwitz@att.net](mailto:lprellwitz@att.net)





# 25th Anniversary Trophies

In the continued efforts to have an “over the top” 25th anniversary celebration June 27, our region will be offering some beautiful silver and black trophies for the winners of the car show (Peoples’ Choice, Judges’ Choice, and Best of Wash & Shine) and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the winners of the road rallye.

The three trophies for the car show are all 50” tall. The rallye trophies are graduated in size; 50, 40 & 27”.



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# Nominations for 2015 Board of Directors



It's that time of year again when we ask for any interested members to step out of the shadows and throw their hat in the ring for next years Board of Directors.

- Are you tired of hearing from the same secretary for the past fourteen or fifteen years?
- Would you like to hone your skills in leading a club? (It looks good on your resume)
- Do you have ideas of how we can improve as a club?
- Would you be interested in adding some new blood to the club?

We'd love to have you on board.

All current board members are willing to help with the transition.

You've heard the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. The same applies to the club. New and fresh ideas make us the great group we are!

Please let any board member know of your interest by the end of October so ballots can go out in early November.

Mary Haen  
Secretary





# The Le Mans Experience

Submitted by FVR Member Bob Dean

I was fortunate enough to mark off a bucket list item this year. On June 14th and 15th, my wife and I attended the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We are PCA members from the Fox Valley Region, and regularly attend the American Le Mans Series races, now the Tudor United Sports Car Championship Series at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. It is an annual event we do not miss. We attended Sebring last year and Le Mans was an eventual, required event.



A very happy Bob Dean at 24 Heures du Mans, June 2014 (Susan Dean photo)

During the trip to France I wondered how one adequately prepares for a race filled with the rich history and legend of Le Mans. I also considered Porsche, of course. The most wins in Le Mans history. Now, after a 16 year absence, Porsche was returning with the 919 Hybrid and the 991 based RSR. The 911 had already won the 24 Hours of Daytona earlier this year in the GTLM class. I knew we were in for an exciting race.

The checklist: tickets purchased with access to the paddock area; check. Plane tickets; check. English/French dictionary to handle the most necessary phrases; check. We were ready for the event.

# The Le Mans Experience

It had been years since I traveled overseas. Going through TSA security and being a part of the huddled masses shuffling toward the international gates was inspiring and humbling. On the other side of security awaited an oasis of duty free liquor, shops and restaurants, carefully designed to extract the first (or last) tourist dollars flowing through the rivers of terminal gates. American capitalism and ingenuity in full display as a perfected art.

The morning of day one of the race was sunny and the air was crisp and cool. We chose to arrive at the race with a tour group to avoid what I anticipated would be a steep learning curve. It paid off as our tour bus parked only 100 yards from the entry to the track. A crowd of 250,000 fans strong was already engaged in the pre-race rituals of enjoying great food and staking out the best vantage point to view the race. I have been to many professional sporting events, but nothing prepared me for the magnitude of Le Mans. The sheer number of people around a track that is over 8 miles long is astounding. The amount of exhibits, teams and cars to observe before the race was fantastic. 54 cars were to start the race, which would begin at 3 p.m., sharp.



#92 Porsche 911 RSR, Porsche Team Manthey: Marco Holzer, Frederic Makowiecki, Richard Lietz (Bob Dean photo)

The race began and the Toyota and Audi Hybrids jumped out to an early lead, which was dashed when rain showers curiously began, leading to a crash. The showers were accompanied by sunny weather on either side, which gave a surreal presence to the race. The cars dashing by the T34 grandstands where we were seated left a trail of mist, which almost appeared as a vapor trail.

The race went on, and a great battle ensued within the various classes of cars throughout the quiet of the night. Watching the battles led me to think about the Le Mans experience. What is it? It is a great and wonderful spectacle. A celebration of motors and racing. A cacophony of colorful languages spoken in various parts of the world. The scent of food, fuel, brakes and exhaust permeated the air. It was mixed with the aroma of rain covered fields of grass from the nearby countryside.



# The Le Mans Experience

During the race one hears cheers and clapping from the crowds when a driver recovers from a crash, or when a mechanical issue is fixed with split second ingenuity. Celebratory car horns echo in the air, mixed with the voice of French announcers bringing the race to life. Pneumatic wrenches scatter other sounds as the pit crews quickly tend to the cars with perfectly timed precision. Quick revs from the engines and spinning tires scrambling for adhesion out of the pits remind everyone of the raw power of these machines.

There is something communal about racing. The collective goal of achieving speed without compromising efficiency. How else can one explain the desire of fans to travel around the world to spend 24 fantastic hours in a row watching the impossible become real?



#20 Porsche 919 Hybrid, Porsche Team: Timo Bernhard, Brendon Hartley, Mark Webber (Bob Dean photo)

On Day Two the sun rose over a sleep deprived cache of drivers, pit crews, engineers and fans. The track was covered with a layer of debris in spots. The stout hearted awoke in sleeping bags alongside the track. The once bright headlights of the race cars became less prominent as the sun rose. The race continued on into the day.

With about two hours remaining in the race, the 919 Hybrid, #20 held the lead. The #14 car of the 919 series was not far back. Then mechanical trouble forced the cars to retire. Destiny delayed, but Porsche had the #14 car run the last lap to demonstrate Porsche's determination and claim to the future. In the end, Audi claimed the overall 2014 Le Mans win. Porsche Team Manthey brought the 911 RSR to the podium for the LMGTE pro class. A large crowd congregated at the finish line to celebrate the race with the promise that it would begin again in 364 days at 3 p.m., sharp.

Bob Dean,  
Green Bay, WI



# FVR Tech: Carrera Engine Removal

## First Time 1987 Carrera Engine Drop - Chapter 2

Jim Prellwitz, Technical Chairperson

Well the first of the side trips on the road to disassembly occurred today. Working in the engine bay I had glanced down at the bumper and noticed that the right bumper strip was pulled away from the car about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". That's about 6mm for you metric folks. I said to myself, "Self. I wonder what would happen if I just pushed it back in towards the bumper."



Well I pushed and then heard a noise similar to one of those rain sticks from the 1980's as the rusted away mounting plate crumpled and crackled and the bits and pieces of rust fell to the spill pan on the floor, sounding like a gentle rain on a tin roof. Again I spoke to myself, "Darn." Actually it was a bit more colorful than that.

I found that the metal plate inside the rubber had disintegrated and was only being held together by the surrounding rubber of the bumper strip. I pulled out the plug covering the screw hole for one of the two 5mm screws holding the strip in place and found that it had rusted into a small blob of rust where once had been a screw, washer and nut. I removed the remains and after struggling a bit with the other 5mm stud and nut holding the strip on, it unceremoniously fell away from the car. I touched up the rust around the mounting hole and sealed it up with some leftover black paint. Since this will be behind the bumper strip I'm not too worried about cosmetics.



After a lot of searching, I found that this is not a cheaply replaced component. So I opened my wallet and ordered the replacement, reminding myself to not touch any more suspicious looking bumps on the car.

Meanwhile, back at the original project, I removed cruise control cable and the heater blower elbow clearing a path to the electronics on the left side of the engine bay. I made myself a mental note to seriously look at repairing the

cruise cable sometime in the near future. It is another part that is no longer available for the mid 80's Carrera. One would think that if a part is prone to breakage, someone would come up with a way to repair or replace it. Anyway I digress.

# FVR Tech: Carrera Engine Removal

I have also removed the electrical cover on the left side to gain easier access to the electrical connections from the body to the engine. I'll be looking more closely at the wires to see which ones need to be disconnected or not.

I had sprayed the hose clamps to the breather hoses on the right hand side with some penetrating oil to free up the rust that was on them. I also removed the air control box in order to give myself some extra room in the very cramped space of the engine compartment. After the lube had done its work, I moved back to the right side of the engine to remove the hose clamps and the breather hoses to the oil tank.



There is an upper hose, a lower hose and also a small breather hose and a vacuum line that run to an emission valve next to the oil filler tube. While the clamps are very difficult to get at with any kind of wrench or screw driver, they came undone quite easily. I made myself another mental note to make sure that the clamps are turned to a more favorable position when reinstalling them to make it a lot easier.

With some additional room in the engine compartment I removed the coil wire, 14 pin harness connection to the left side electrical panel and the connectors for the cylinder head temperature sensor, the engine speed sensor, the reference sensor and the oxygen sensor.

Feeling pretty good I decided to stick my head under the car again. This time removed the left CV axle joint, the left hot air hose, the shift linkage and the transmission ground strap before coming up for air. The hot air hose on this side was in bad shape like the right side. More parts to replace.



Just a quick note about the shift linkage though. Most of the documentation I have read directed to remove the interior hatch between the rear seats. Another surprise was that, starting with the G50 transmission in 1987, the linkage connection is inside a rubber boot underneath the car



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and not accessed from the interior. It takes some working but you can slowly slide the boot back and over the coupling and undo the 13mm bolt holding the coupling onto the transmission shaft. Then you just slide the shift coupling forward and off the shaft. This is a picture of the coupler removed.



I noticed that Bentley indicates to disconnect the speedometer wires in the in the access port and push them through the body toward the transmission. The bad news is that the hole is plugged by a hard wire grommet. A little push on the grommet and the whole harness was able to be moved outside the compartment.



Next thing under the car is to disconnect the throttle linkage. Removing this ball joint is fairly simple, but you must remember to remove the small clip that holds the ball into the socket on the linkage. It will not release without removing the clip. Believe me, I tried.



The next thing under the car is the hydraulic clutch line bracket and the actuator. These things look like they are difficult to get to so I am taking my time and soaking the bolts well with rust penetrant. Once those parts are disconnected and moved out of the way I can move back to the engine bay topside. Just a couple of steps to do there and then on to the drop. Its slow but I am getting there.

Oh well, baby steps.....baby steps....



# Holy Hill Area Tour Follow-up

On Sunday, August 3rd Fox Valley and Milwaukee region PCA members, along with Zone 13 rep James Jacisin enjoyed a tour of Southeastern Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine area hosted by Bob and Hiltrud Geiser. Starting out from Holy Hill the route traversed through the countryside on many unfamiliar roads that provided an interesting glimpse of the area. Well planned stops included the Ice Age Visitor Center near Dundee, although it proved difficult to keep this group of adventurers from enjoying time behind the wheel; so the stops were brief as the road was beckoning. The spirited driving tour was followed by a dinner at Millhome Supper Club near Kiel, where those in attendance enjoyed a late afternoon meal and conversation with fellow Porsche enthusiasts.



Bob's selected route was perfect for the Boxsters that were out in force for the Holy Hill Tour (Prellwitz photo)



Drivers, passengers, and the Porsche lineup of the day: 339, 944, 986, and 987 (Jacisin photo)



# “An Evening of Decadence” Follow-up

On Tuesday, August 5th the Fox Valley Region members partaking in the August dinner and social in De Pere enjoyed a bit of sensory overload with visits to three phenomenal sources of gourmet pleasures within short walking distance of each other. “An evening of decadence” as the event was so aptly tagged by hostess Laura Prellwitz, began with an array of appetizers at Alpha Delights, followed by dinner across the street at De Pere’s highly rated Union Hotel. After dinner, it was a short walk to Seroogy’s where a vast selection of chocolate pleasures provided for an appropriate conclusion to the evening’s indulgences. A number of guests enjoyed the beautiful Wisconsin summer evening to the fullest, with an after dinner stroll along the Fox River Trail.



Scenes from the pre-dinner sampling of appetizers at Alpha Delights



Mary Pappas, owner of Alpha Delights, provided FVR members with a glimpse of her entrepreneurial spirit (Heredia photo)



## “An Evening of Decadence” Follow-up



Welcome to new member, David Van Gemert, with his 2002 911 C4 (Prellwitz photo)



Welcome to new member, Sergio Heredia, with his 1986 944 (Prellwitz photo)



## “An Evening of Decadence” Follow-up



Welcome to new member Erika Davison-Aviles, with her 2014 Boxster (Prellwitz photo)



Some members enjoyed the view from the nearby Fox River Trail after dinner (Heredia photo)



# CWI Potosi Area Tour Follow-up

Twenty-five members from the Central Wisconsin Region and six members from the Fox Valley Region joined together for an outstanding driving tour in mid-August. CWI tour hosts, Trevor and Susan Passmore, generously invited the FVR to join their one day highly scenic and “spirited” driving event. The cross-region group gathered together in Fitchburg, WI, just north of the city of Madison on Sunday, August 17 about mid-morning. From there, the caravan of 16 Porsches headed southwest through some hilly topography, using some winding, twisting, and sharply curved roads for a 100 mile trek to Potosi, WI, where the members toured the brewery and had lunch at the restaurant on site. En route, the group was brought to a halt by a turkey family on the road; two deer which ran parallel to the road for a considerable distance, and a black angus cattle drive. There was never a dull moment; the scenery was spectacular, and roads were exciting and challenging to drive at times. Everyone had a terrific day driving their favorite car, and we hope to do more cross-region events like this in the future.



Drivers' meeting. The tour was expertly hosted by Trevor & Susan Passmore. We met in the parking lot of Target in Fitchburg, WI (Prellwitz photo)



Among many scenic views and a couple of wildlife encounters, we were stopped outside of Potosi by this cattle drive. (Prellwitz photo)



Had a blast today touring with the CWI region. Bob & Carol Burress, Jim & Tonna Appelgren, Bob Geiser, and myself represented the FVR. In total there were 31 people in 16 cars. (Prellwitz photo)

# FVR Member Focus: Jim & Mary Haen

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### Our Porsche Bio:

On a Saturday morn in spring of '96, my wife Mary & I decided to take an unscheduled trip to Milwaukee to look at used 911's. We were just kickin' used Porsche tires, (I wasn't even against looking at a "fixer upper"), and we had Absolutely NO intention of actually buying a car... But there it was...a freshly traded mint 1989 3.2L 911 Targa in Guards Red in excellent shape on the very 1st Porsche dealer lot we visited. It had only been there a few hours. Damn. A quick call to the previous owner confirmed a clean history. Then, as it turned out, the dealer, Concours, also banked with the same folks we did, so they let us take the car "on gratis" that same day back to Jim Page Auto in Green Bay for the all important pre-purchase inspection. And, we had just \$50 cash in our pocket that day!



Later in 1996, when we called PCA National to join up, they assigned us to Milwaukee Region, NOT Fox Valley Region. This is despite living in Green Bay all our lives! Remember too that Porsche Parade of 1984 had just been headquartered in Appleton by the Chicago Region! I guess geography was not their strong point at that time. Boy, are we glad we got that straightened out or the story would likely be very different!



# FVR Member Focus: Jim & Mary Haen

Flash forward a few years in fall of 2011, I responded to a local GB Craigslist ad for an all original 2004 4.5L Cayenne S with only 60k original miles...and it came with both summer and winter tires & rims. I had seen this vehicle advertised on and off for a long time, so I knew the price was going to be right. After Gordon (and my wife) looked it over, and the Carfax report was reviewed, I bought it as my daily driver from a local car collector's wife. This SUV has been a real learning curve for me, as it was early in the Porsche SUV's development. Those of you who have seen the "coolant pipe" surgery at Gordon's, or know about the existence of the 2nd battery in the car know what I mean. Boy, am I glad I allowed for these type of things in my bargain purchase price!

So how did a bookkeeper and a utility electronics technician geek end up in the world of "Porsche"? Well, it dates back to Road America in the early 80's. Coming from humble financial backgrounds, Mary & I begged and borrowed Road America Vintage and Can Am race tickets from friends, vendors, corporate sponsors, and even resorted to volunteering to work with SCCA & Road America to get free admission to the track. This was in the heyday of Porsche racing victories. Mary asked "what was the super fast, cute car on the racetrack with the "bug eyes" and the whalestail?" I guess from that day forward we were hooked on Porsche. The rest is history!

As for personal stuff...Mary & I are aging music & hi-fi fanatics, 'ol fashioned do-it-yourselfers, & woodworkers. Here's a shameless plug for our other longtime affiliation with another local hobby group: Northeastern Wi Woodworkers Guild <http://newwg.org>

Mary has been your club's secretary for about 15 years, and I established FVR PCA's "free lending library" in about that same timeframe. As for my "brush with Porsche fame", there are just two: 1st, Bruce Anderson published my question (and his answer) about rubber centered 911 clutches in Excellence magazine. 2nd, a picture of Jamie P. and yours truly's butts push starting a 911 in Panorama. Nuff said.

***"WE'VE BEEN MEMBERS OF FVR WHEN THE CLUB DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE KITTY TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING."***

***ALWAYS REMEMBER: "IT'S NOT JUST THE CARS, IT'S THE PEOPLE!"***

***JIMMY HAEN***

# FVR Recipe: German Rouladen

This month's recipe is another FVR member submission, Roulades (a dish in which a piece of food is coated with a sauce or filling and rolled up before being cooked, so that each slice has a spiral appearance), or *German Rouladen*.

Several members have provided their favorites already, please feel free to send me your favorite German recipe that you would be willing to share with the Fox Valley Region PCA membership.



## FVR-PCA German Rouladen

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds flank steak
- German stone ground mustard, to taste
- 1/2 pound thick sliced bacon
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 1 (16 ounce) jar dill pickle slices
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 cube beef bouillon

### Directions:

- Cut the flank steak into thin filets; about 1/4 inch thick and 3 inches wide.
- Generously spread one side of each filet with mustard to taste. Place bacon, onions and pickle slices on each filet and form into a roll. Use string or toothpicks to hold the roll together.
- Heat a skillet over medium heat and melt butter. Place the rolls in the butter and saute until browned.
- Pour in 2 1/2 cups of water and add the bouillon cube; stirring to dissolve the bouillon cube. Simmer the rolls for about an hour.

FVR-PCA German Rouladen

# August 14 Anniversary Meeting Minutes

## August 14 Agenda - 25th Anniversary Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: John Manki, Laura Prellwitz, Denny Ahlman, Barb Pankratz, Dan Pankratz, Bill Hewitt, Allan Utecht. Absent: Tom Robl, Jim Janes, Todd Benz

Meeting began at 6:35.

- Laura shared examples of some of the things she has obtained or created for the event.
- We have engraved wine bottles, one for each registered club member
- Dash plaque - review - for better clarification, it will be referred to as a data sheet, as "dash plaque" is not an apt description. Some modifications for the model Laura presented will be made.
- Ballots - review. Numbers will be assigned to cars, rather than the use of owner's name. Ballot box has been made
- 40, 2 pocket yellow folders have been procured and will be used to create registration packets to give to all participants at the beginning of the rallye. Packets will include rally information, directions, safety precautions, map of the Landmark, etc.
- **To participate in the rallye, there must be 2 people per car.** One person alone trying to drive and read directions is simply too unsafe. People who register as singletons will be contacted by Laura or Dan and we will make efforts to "buddy up" that person.
- Pencils - 720 golf pencils for visitors to use, and to use in rallye
- Emphasize to all participants that the **RALLYE IS NOT A RACE.**
- 6 trophies ordered, will try to get one as a preview to take to upcoming events
- 24 posters sent to Rick Malkemus to distribute around the property. 24 more given to Bob Hawley to distribute around Door County. Laura will deliver more in fall various businesses and public bulletin boards.
- Review map, layout of Landmark. There are a few logistical challenges as the property and activities at the resort are a bit spread out, but everything is manageable with everyone's help.
- Photography sites selected. Photographers will likely print the photos on site. Photos must be completed by 4:30 in order for photographers to have time to review photos and print the best one for each car. Deb and Jim will be working together on each car. They have battery powered lights if needed for "fill". We want to get a whole group photo as well. Members will need to be made aware of what time this will be so everyone can be included.
- Car wash soap purchased for car wash. Need 2 buckets (John Manki will provide these). Members need to bring their own towels. Denny Ahlman stated he would supervise the car wash area.
- Checkered flag for each person who completes rallye.
- 25th Anniversary flag from PCA - about \$150. Do we want to purchase one? Committee discussed for several minutes. Group consensus is that it's not worth the cost. We might consider having our own banner created instead.
- Zone Rep and PCA National response to our invite to attend. Group discussed e-mail sent by our zone rep and that he will "attend only if he wants to" as there is a slight overlap with our event and Parade in French Lick, IN. He has indicated that he sees remaining at Parade as a higher priority. Similar comments have also been relayed from National staff. Consensus of the group is that representation from the Zone Rep or National Staff is not necessary or important to the success of our event.
- A couple of gentlemen who are attempting to "brand" Hwy. 42 (much like Route 66) would like



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to dovetail with our event. They have offered to donate a few t-shirts and some window clings in exchange for the opportunity to put up a tent in or near the car show area to promote their interest. Committee agreed that this was acceptable. Laura will stay in touch with these men via e-mail and Facebook and will keep the committee updated.

- Committee members will continue to dialogue with members of the Bergstrom staff to see if they will possibly participate in our event in some fashion. We have been previously flatly turned down, but are going to try to continue communication a few more times before we give up or continue to be denied.
- Rick Malkemus will provide a table where the trophies can be displayed, and where ballots can be obtained and deposited. We will need someone to man this station during the event. Copies of old newsletter binders might also be in display in this area.
- Before rallye begins, each participant must sign the standard PCA waiver put on a wrist band (indicating they have signed the waiver), and be given the informational folder. Who will do this? Need to have a driver's meeting (Dan & Barb) . Barb will be the first person to leave. Members of the anniversary committee will depart next. Dan will be the last car to depart. Laura will put folders with materials together.
- 2. Signage at Landmark - Laura will work with Rick Malkemus on Friday or Saturday afternoon to set this up.
- Laura will take cases of wine, Porsche luggage, trophies, etc. on to the Landmark on Thursday prior to the event and will store everything in Rick's office.
- Barb & Dan will collect and score rallye sheets, hand out checkered flag. Tally top three winners.
- Sell Porsche luggage raffle tickets at dinner, have drawing, announce winner.
- Share brief oral history of the club's beginnings during the awards presentation, following dinner.
- Thank you gift for Rick. John Manki suggested purchasing something from the Porsche catalog. We could also possibly give him one of the 25th anniversary shirts.
- Anniversary shirts on order. Should be arriving this week. Will sell at upcoming events. When they're gone, they are gone.
- Someone needs hand out ballots and pencils, then empty ballot box and count votes for Peoples' Choice.
- Laura will give Rick final headcount for dinner, breakfast, etc. Will review menu with banquet staff in April or May.
- Announce winners and hand out trophies at conclusion of dinner. Hand out photos and bottles of wine at conclusion of dinner. It was also discussed possibly providing some inexpensive wine bottle openers at the event so people could open and enjoy their wine at dinner.
- Saturday night activities? Do we need any organized activity? Committee agreed there are plenty of things to see and do at the resort, and people will likely want to sit and visit in any of the available lounge areas or hospitality room; share their rallye experience(s).
- We need judges for "Best of Wash and Shine" and "Judges' Choice" (most serious of the three categories) What criteria should be used to judging these categories? Laura has some examples from what other regions have used. Committee agreed we need to keep things light and fun, and not be hard core in the judging at all. Perhaps a subcommittee of the judges could meet on this. Laura will work on finding some impartial judges. Judges will be offered dinner on Saturday night in exchange for the time and efforts. Note: as of 8/15/14, Rick Malkemus, and the general manager of the Landmark and President of the Egg Harbor Business Association, Jeff Larson, have agreed to be judges. Laura has since also contacted Tim Bergstrom, Shane Hecker, and Craig Roloff from Bergstrom Porsche; the village administrator of Egg Harbor, the President of the

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Door County Visitor's Bureau, and the publisher/editor of Door County Living magazine. We are awaiting their replies.

- Laura is doing the final tweaks on the Cana Island tour for Sunday, June 28th. Stops will include Murphy Park, Waseda Farms, Cana Island and the Wood Orchard Market. At stop at the Peninsular Agricultural Research Station and botanical gardens may be included
- Jamie Prellwitz is coordinating the golf outing on Sunday. 2 of the 16 spots have already been taken.
- We have four official registrations already from members.
- Parking lot security. There will be no additional security at the Landmark. However, things are well lit and there are cameras scattered about the resort. Rick has indicated they have never had a problem in the past with other special interest car groups and any kind of vehicular damage or vandalism.
- Labor Day Picnic - September 5 - (Saturday of Labor Day weekend) - Picnic at RA. Coordinate lap on track with Chicago Region members. ([See copied e-mail below](#)) - Anniversary committee. Gordon Skog also said he would help with this.

Committee agreed to follow up on this, but will address it more in detail in spring 2015.

Laura

Thinking Labor Day as that is the time we have the street side Concours as part of our Saturday evenings festivities. A ball park estimate as far as participants would be helpful. And...the dinner we have is pretty nice, if you are interested?? Also...I know your group has spent time at the track during our race weekend. Sometimes you are outside turn 1 in Porsche Park and once or twice you have been in turn 5. Your choice...I like turn 5 as you are inside the track and more a "part" of the event. But up to you...just let me know.

Stay in touch.

Chuck LaMantia

Subject: RE: Anniversary

THANK YOU, Chuck, so very much for this offer and invitation. I really appreciate it. I think a FVR only parade lap and section of the street in Elkhart Lake would be fantastic in 2015! I have shared the invite with the anniversary committee and Board members, and we will definitely take advantage of this special opportunity.

Please thank the "powers that be" and all of the other good people in the Chicago Region for their most thoughtful generosity.

I'll keep in touch.

Laura Prellwitz

- Meeting concluded at approximately 8:10 PM.
- Next meeting will be in mid-May 2015 as the room reservation will be passed and we will have a much better idea as to overall attendance and participation. Specific date is TBD.
- Following the meeting, Denny Ahlman resigned from the committee.
- Next meeting will be held at the Prellwitz's home in Manitowoc. Dinner/refreshments will be provided.

# FVR ID Badge Update

## New Fox Valley Region ID Badges are available!

Discussion on various proposals for updating the Fox Valley Region ID badges has been underway since late in 2013, and the FVR board has recently approved the design shown below. If you have the older name badges and you are happy with them, they will be just fine, updating to the new ones is completely optional. If you would like to update to the new design which will be our standard ID badges going forward, the new badges will be printed plastic laminate cards, featuring the PCA and FVR logos, member name, with first name in large, easy to read letters. The background image is the Porsche 919 hybrid featuring the new livery design based on the Porsche Intelligent Performance theme. The lanyards will be a repeating pattern as shown below, the badges will also include the option for magnetic attachment.

The package will be one badge, one lanyard, and one holder for \$10.00 plus shipping.

Send request for ordering to Jim Janes at [jrjanes@omscom.com](mailto:jrjanes@omscom.com).

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# Membership Milestones



## Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Al Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster	2009
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2010 911 GT3	2009
Steve Gering & Drew Gering	Oconto, WI	1981 924 Turbo, '85 944, '60 356, '72 914	1996
Wayne & Gail Kindschy	Neenah, WI	2002 Boxster S, 2004 911 GT3	1979
Dennis Lahti	Appleton, WI	1967 912, 1999 Boxster	1994
John & Charmaine Luczak	Fond Du Lac, WI	1986 944	1991
Tom & Lori Mazza	New London, WI	2000 Boxster	2011
Jerome & Cathy Mirek	Appleton, WI	1978 911	1996
James & Linda Mollon	Oshkosh, WI	1986 911 Carrera	1998
Patrick Muench	Oshkosh, WI	1982 911 SC, 2007 911 Carrera	2002
Dennis & Madelyn Olson	Appleton, WI	1996 911 Carrera 4S	1996
James & Laura Prellwitz	Manitowoc, WI	1987 911 Carrera	1999
Stacey Sensor & Jim Linnabary	Oshkosh, WI	2008 911 Carrera S	2000
Pete & Joy Thielmann	Kiel, WI	1995 911 Carrera	2011
Wayne & Ginger Wedde	Clintonville, WI	2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet	1998
R & M Whitman	Green Bay, WI	2013 911 Carrera, 2011 Cayenne S	2002

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

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Steven Beau	Kaukauna, WI	1977 911	2014
Ryan Ramirez	Appleton, WI	2011 Cayman S	2014
Erik Scharinger	New Franken, WI	1979 928, 1981 928, 1987 944S	2014

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 288 total members, with 165 primary members and 123 affiliate/family members.

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# From the Editor

## The Learning Curve



Ready or not, September is here. That reality struck me this morning as I enjoyed a sip of coffee while looking at the refrigerator calendar. While the daylight hours have quite noticeably been growing shorter, some other seasonal changes are more subtle in their variations until--like turning the page on the calendar--it suddenly becomes apparent that a far more conspicuous change has occurred. As photosynthesis slows and chlorophyll levels are reduced, once green leaves begin yellowing. Of course, we know what is just around the corner - the annual Fox Valley Region Fall Tour, during which byproducts of photosynthesis will provide the spectacular fall colors to be seen as we traverse the Wisconsin and Minnesota countryside.

This year's tour is expected to be a great experience for those who have signed up (and it really has sold out for 2014, so please do remember to sign up early for events or you may be disappointed), as according to the Farmer's Almanac the October 10-12 weekend will be right during the dates of highest probability for Wisconsin and Minnesota's peak fall foliage season. That is less than six weeks away, and we will likely be seeing some less inconspicuous changes occurring before then. So how about enjoying a drive in the countryside during the next few weeks, try pointing you Porsche towards a destination - maybe a farmer's market for some fresh tomatoes, a small cheese factory where true craftsmanship trumps marketing hype, or an orchard to pick some mouthwatering apples; the possibilities are endless, and limited only by our imaginations.

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