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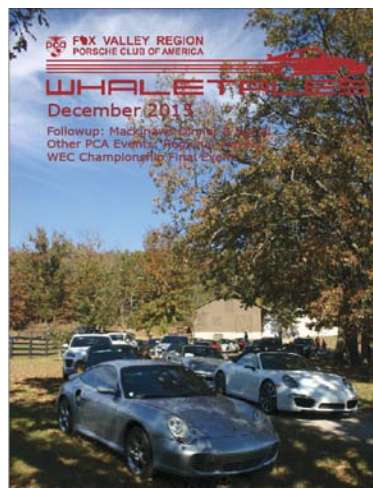
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Cover Page

This was one of the tour stopping points enjoyed by FVR members Barb & Mark Wilkinson while attending the PCA Palooza in Eureka Springs, Arkansas in mid-November. This particular stop, not so different a venue from our own FVR tours, happened to be at a winery. Story on page 9.



From Your Region's President

December Presidents Letter

Hello to All -

I first want to apologize for not being able to attend the Mackinaw's dinner in early November. I heard it was a great time and I was really looking forward to it, but unfortunately I was called away on business. I believe my lovely "First Lady" filled in for me and did a great job, although hopefully not too well!!

With this being my last letter of 2015, I must say it's hard to believe that it's almost over. This has been a very exciting year for our club from celebrating our 25th year to setting new membership levels to having one of the most active calendars in recent memory.

I recently received the monthly membership report for November 2015 and am excited to announce that we set a new record with 174 primary members and 135 affiliate members. That is an increase of four additional members since our 25th anniversary celebration in June. We are planning a new member dinner in February at the Graystone Ale House in De Pere to welcome them and will try not to scare them away.

As many of you are aware, we try to plan a wide range of events and activities throughout our region to bring together our members to enjoy our Porsche passion and other hobbies. With this said, we are always looking for additional events to do for 2016. So if you have an idea for a fun thing to do, please contact one of the board members so we can discuss your ideas and hopefully help plan an awesome event.

I personally want to thank the Fox Valley Region Board members in approving the \$250 donation that I requested for the K9'S FOR WARRIORS. I was involved with a dog run/walk event that we did on October 17th where we were able to raise \$6,120.00 for them. K9'S FOR WARRIORS is dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post 9/11. Their goal is to empower the warriors to return to civilian life with dignity and independence. They do this by rescuing dogs and training them to be a service dogs and to be a supportive part in the warrior's life. K9'S FOR WARRIORS is a tax-exempt 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization. If you want to personally donate to this awesome organization, please feel free to contact me or go to their website at www.k9sforwarriors.org

As a reminder our Christmas party is on December 12th at the Holiday Inn River Walk in Neenah, hosted by Gordon Skog. If you haven't signed up yet, it's still not too late! Be sure to check in this month's newsletter for further details.

The ballots for next year's board have been sent out and thank you to all who have responded. The results will either be posted in this month's newsletter or will be announced at our Christmas Party.

In closing, I want to thank everyone again who has either hosted or attended one of many events this past month and look forward to see you at our Christmas party. Happy and safe motoring!

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FVR Calendar of Events

2015 Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 12 - Holiday Party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, hosted by Gordon Skog. More details coming soon!

*** 2016 Calendar of Events ***

Tuesday, February 2 - New members meeting "Meet & Greet" at Graystone Ale House, 3711 Monroe Road, De Pere. Hosted by Jim and Mary Haen.

Friday, February, 5 - Movie night at Barlow theater in Menasha, hosted by Jim Perry & Gordon Skog. More details coming soon!

March - Annual Board meeting, Appleton

April Swap meet?

Saturday, June 4 - Wisconsin State Parks free admission day tour to Wausau. Hosted by Mark Wilkinson

Saturday, July 9 - River tubing on the Little Wolf, socializing on the deck, and roast beef dinner. Hosted by Mark & Barb Wilkinson.

Sunday, July 31 - Pot luck social at Trout Springs Winery in Greenleaf. Hosted by Steve & Andrea DeBaker

Tuesday, October 4 - Fall Tech Session

December - Christmas Party, location & date TBD

These events for 2016 are still in the tentative planning stages:

- Spring tech session featuring Cayenne cooling tube replacement - location & date TBD
- Rally event, "for fun" type gimmick or equivalent - searching for sponsors/hosts
- Spring and/or Fall tours (ideas and host volunteers needed).

December 12, 2015: FVR Holiday Party



- What: 2015 Holiday Party, hosted by Gordon Skog and Lindsay Daly
- When: Saturday, December 12, 2015
- Where: Neenah Riverwalk Hotel
123 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956
- Details: 5:00 - 7:00 PM - Social including cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction bidding
7:00 - 8:00 PM - Dinner - menu to be announced
8:00 - 9:00 PM - Business meeting and award reception
9:00 PM - Silent Auction promptly closes with all money collected for charity
10:00 PM - Continued social time in Fan Club
- Cost: \$18.00 per member*. Non-member or additional guests \$30 per person.
(*The FVR is subsidizing the cost of the dinner)
Please make checks out to FVR-PCA and send to: Jim Janes
5866 Harbor South
PO Box 175
Butte des Morts, WI 54927

Silent Auction: Please be sure to bring an item or items to donate to our silent auction! This is our largest fundraiser for charity, and a lot of fun every year. Items do not have to be Porsche related, so bring anything that you believe will start a bidding battle. Thank you for your generosity!

If you would prefer to stay overnight, there is a small block of hotel rooms reserved under "Fox Valley Porsche Club", contact Holiday Inn Riverwalk directly to hold a room in your name.

RSVP is assumed by your nonrefundable payment sent to Jim Janes by December 6, 2015. No additions or cancellations can be accepted after December 6th for final planning purposes. Any questions can be directed to Gordon Skog at gord240z@live.com

February 2, 2016: Meet & Greet at Graystone



Please join us on Tuesday, February 2nd at Graystone Ale House in De Pere for dinner and social time. This is a special meet & greet event, where an emphasis is being placed on providing an opportunity for new members to get to know other new members, as well as members who have been around the block once or twice. We were all new members at one point, and can understand the importance of a warm welcome - especially during a Wisconsin winter!

We will meet beginning at 5:00, after some social time we will order off the menu for dinner with separate bills by individual/couple, and have a side room booked if it is available.

Graystone Ale House www.graystonealehouse.com is just 2 miles south of 172, with easy access by taking the Monroe Road exit.

Please send your RSVP to Mary and Jim Haen at mehaen@sbcglobal.net so we have a head count for adequate seating. We hope to see you there!



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Followup: Mackinaws Dinner & Social

On Tuesday, November 3, Jim & Mary Haen hosted the always crowd pleasing and popular Dinner and social event at Mackinaws in Green Bay. This social event provided members a chance to mingle and enjoy each other's company, as well as to enjoy a meal at fellow FVR member Pat Quinn's establishment. Many of those present were recipients of door prizes awarded as part of the event. All were treated to a wonderful after-dinner desert, owing to the generosity of the proprietor.



Socializing in a relaxing atmosphere (Wilkinson Photo)



The evening passed by very quickly, with a lively and enthusiastic group (Wilkinson Photo)

Other PCA Events: Regional Travels

Over the last few months, Barb and I benefited from the opportunity to do some traveling around the country, participating in events that were hosted by other PCA regions. The first event, which took place in October, was the PCA Escape to Rushmore 2015. The 2015 Escape was based in Rapid City, South Dakota, and featured many tours and drives that provided opportunities to enjoy the scenery and twisty roads in the surrounding area. As luck would have it, seeing the sights was somewhat difficult due to cloud cover settling in on the higher elevations. That phenomenon is not entirely unusual for the region, and as it stands now Barb is at 0 for 2 in “seeing” Mount Rushmore while visiting the area. But of course, weather can’t dampen spirits all that much when so many enthusiasts from all around the US congregate to enjoy the spirit of adventure and driving a Porsche.

With so many scheduled activities beyond the many driving tours to various locations, including an informal car show, an outdoors meal doubling as an early event meet & greet, and of course a closing banquet with awards for various criteria such as furthest distance travelled, and car show category winners. A special presentation was also made by PCA national, introducing the “PCA Treffen North America” which will, beginning in 2016, replace the PCA Escape event. So it was somewhat bittersweet for us to learn that this was the last Escape, as we have come to enjoy our experiences in attending them. The Escape to Rushmore was based on the annual “Run for the Hills” event hosted by the Dakota Region, and was sponsored by our not-so-distant neighbors to the west, the Nord Stern Region.



Barb and Mark with Mount Rushmore in the background - trust me it's there somewhere (Wilkinson Photo)



+/- a few inches (Wilkinson Photo)



Tour bus anyone? (Wilkinson Photo)

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The second event was not so coincidentally the location of the first Escape we had attended in 2012. That Escape was based on a very popular northern Arkansas event, known as the “PCA Palooza” which is held annually in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. This year’s Palooza marked the 11th year it has been held, and with 244 vehicle entries it was the second largest PCA event of the year, second only to Parade. This truly is a fun event, one where the organizers appreciate guests having a good time much more than being in the spotlight for their fantastic efforts in hosting such a great event. While Eureka Springs is located in the White River Region, the neighboring Ozark and Cimarron Regions are also quite active in both participation and volunteer support for this event. I have found November weather in Arkansas to be similar to September in Wisconsin, and this year’s trip did not disappoint. Some rain encountered on the drive down gave way to sunshine just as we arrived, and each of the four days we were in the area enjoyed abundant sunshine. Gorgeous scenery, much like we enjoyed on the FVR Fall Tour in southwestern Wisconsin was the norm, with valleys and ridgetops offering great views of the fall foliage.

We were also quite lucky to have the company of Smokey Mountain Region members Bob and Jyme Heimann at this year’s Palooza in Eureka Springs. Many will remember them as participants in some of our Fox Valley Region events, enjoying their white Boxster on their travels. It was a great benefit for us to meet someone we knew, and to have them offer introductions to others that they have come to know as freinds. Taking part in some of the many planned tours was enjoyable as well. Destinations included two wineries and a functioning water-wheel powered flour mill. And yes, we did also manage to enjoy dinner at a local establishment in Eureka Springs, “Bubba’s Barbecue” which was highly recommended to us. Great BBQ Ribs!



OK, TX, AK, & LA (PCA Zone 5 map)



War Eagle Mill in Rogers, AK (Wilkinson photo)



Not something you often see, now is it? Driven in by a first time Porsche owner from Dallas, TX (Wilkinson photo)

Other PCA Events: Regional Travels



A visit to Custer State Park Game Lodge, Custer, SD during a 2015 PCA Escape tour (Wilkinson Photo)



War Eagle Mill near Rogers AK, visited during PCA Palooza 2015 (Wilkinson photo)

WEC Championship Final Event

Porsche aims to expand title collection at desert finale

With the six-hour race on the Bahrain International Circuit on 21 November, the 2015 season of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) draws to a close. The Porsche teams travel to the desert kingdom of Bahrain with excellent championship chances: At the season finale, they could still score a total of four titles.

After Porsche already clinched its first World Championship manufacturers' title since 1986 at the penultimate round in Shanghai on 1 November, the marque now sets its sights on the drivers' championship. The Porsche factory pilots Timo Bernhard (D), Brendon Hartley (NZ) and Mark Webber (AUS), who share the wheel of the innovative Porsche 919 Hybrid in the LMP1 class, currently have 155 points to their credit, giving them a twelve-point lead over the Audi drivers Marcel Fässler (CH), André Lotterer (D) and Benoît Tréluyer (F).

Fritz Enzinger, Vice President LMP1: "With our early win of the manufacturers' title, which is, of course, particularly important to Porsche, we have been richly rewarded for our courageous technical design of the 919 Hybrid and for the intensive development work within the team. Now we're going for the drivers' world championship. One should never underestimate the uncertainties of a six-hour race, with heavy traffic and countless lapping manoeuvres. You're always in thin air at the limit. With the first phase of the race run when the sun is low and then with around two-thirds of the distance in darkness, we are facing additional challenges at Bahrain."



Porsche 919 Hybrid, Porsche Team: Timo Bernhard, Brendon Hartley, Mark Webber (Porsche AG Press Database)

WEC Championship Final Event

The bid for the title in the strongly-represented and fiercely-contested GTE-Pro class has also turned into a cliff-hanger. In this category, all titles will be decided in Bahrain. Campaigning the near-standard 911 RSR - the 470 hp racing version of the iconic 911 sports car - Porsche goes up against Aston Martin and Ferrari in the desert kingdom in the fight for three championship titles: The Porsche Manthey squad ranks first in the team classification. Porsche works driver Richard Lietz (A) leads the points' table in the FIA World Endurance Cup for GT Drivers. And in the manufacturers' category, Porsche sits second - just four points off the top spot. In Bahrain, however, manufacturers can still earn a maximum of 44 points.

Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, Head of Porsche Motorsport: "The fact that all titles in the GTE-Pro class will be decided at the last race speaks volumes for the strength and balance of the grid, especially in this category, and it's a reflection of the competitive spirit shown by the manufacturers, drivers and teams over the entire season. Thanks to our Shanghai win, we have improved our chances of winning the title. In the second half of the season we launched a charge back to the top, and in Bahrain we'll now do everything we can to bring this endeavour to a successful conclusion and claim all three titles."



Porsche 911 RSR (91), Porsche Team Manthey: Richard Lietz, Michael Christensen (Porsche AG Press Database)

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.

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Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

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Byron & Harlan Anderson	Green Bay, WI	1964 356, 1976 911, 1976 914 2.0	1991
Warren & Joyce Beaver	Nekoosa, WI	1998 Boxster	1999
Robert & Susan Dean	Green Bay, WI	2012 Cayman	2009
Mitchel & Barb Eastman	Green Bay, WI	2001 911 Carrera, 1989 911 Carrera 4, 1997 Boxster	1999
Roy & Darlene Geigel	Manitowoc, WI	1982 911 SC, 1982 911 SC	1995
Michael & Beverly Jurkowski	Boulder Junction, WI	1990 911 Carrera 2	2011
Dennis & Heidi Kepchar	Sturgeon Bay, WI	2008 911 Carrera	2002
Laurence & Philip Langohr	Neenah, WI	1989 911 Carrera	2005
John & Sherry Lazar	Custer, WI	1975 914 1.8, 1975 914 1.8	1999
Dave Maki	Marquette, MI	2007 911 Carrera 4S	2010
Daniel & Barbara Pankratz	Manitowoc, WI	1967 912, 1963 356	1967
Tom & Kathleen Robl	Palm Coast , FL	2007 Cayman	1992
Dennis & Barbara Timm	Cecil, WI	2002 911 Carrera	2013
David & Blake Treichel	Appleton, WI	1986 944, 1980 911 SC, 2002 Boxster	1991
Allan & Patricia Utecht	Kiel, WI	2002 Boxster	2002
Jerry & Lisa Wachowiak	Kohler, WI	1977 911S, 2000 Boxster, 2005 Cayenne	2006
Jade Weiesnbach	Appleton, WI	1987 944, 1997 Boxster	2014
Gerald & Deborah Wetter	Appleton, WI		1965
Keith & Debbie Wolters	Wakefield, MI	1986 911 Carrera	1997

WOW - With good reason, an emphasis is placed on new members, owing to the fact that the FVR-PCA like many organizations must work to ensure our members have a positive experience, and that member retention rates are within reason. When reviewing our membership data, I am just amazed by the longevity of many of our members. I don't recall ever having the pleasure of meeting the Wetter's, perhaps I have and must apologize for my forgetfulness if that is the case. But according to PCA data, Gerald & Deborah Wetter from Appleton first joined PCA in December of 1965, and we would like to acknowledge their 50th year as members!

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 309 total members, with 174 primary members and 135 affiliate/family members. With 235 vehicles being registered with PCA, 28% of FVR members report owning more than one Porsche.

From the Editor



The Learning Curve

So here it is, winter is fast approaching and another great season of Wisconsin touring has drawn to a close. Quite a few enjoyable events we've had this year, and with more yet to enjoy. And just to be sure and crank up the volume on this one - if you haven't yet RSVP'd for the 2015 FVR Holiday party on December 12th at the Neenah Riverwalk Hotel there is still time to do so. Check out the info on page 5 and get it done!

OK, got that out of my system; now we can get back to regular stuff, like the Packers. Although they may have had a few setbacks as of late, I don't expect that their great start to the season will go by unrewarded. This Thursday offers a chance to retribution to the Lions. Drawing a line in the sand in their own backyard would be quite fitting, don't you think?

Now, for more FVR related stuff. We are still looking for thoughts and ideas, and even more importantly some enterprising souls with ambitions for putting together tours and social events for 2016. I am actually a bit disappointed by the low number of confirmed events on the calendar so far, although I know things can change quickly. So, if you've been thinking about it. Do let us know and we'll work to get your idea on the calendar and make it a successful event. Earlier is better to allow people to make plans for attending. So there, I'm stepping off the soapbox for now - I'll see you in a few weeks in Neenah.

Your Whaletales Editor,

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