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# WHALETALES

November 2015

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# Whaletales

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## Cover Page

With a victory in the six hour race at Shanghai, China, Porsche has won the WEC World Championship. The highly complex technology of the Porsche 919 Hybrid has proven itself on the world's race tracks in record time, clinching the WEC manufacturer's win in only the second season.

# From Your Region's President

## November Presidents Letter

Hello to All,

It's hard to believe it is November already. The color of the leaves have changed and are falling more and more by the minute and with reluctance, putting to bed our Porsches for the long winter's night. With Thanksgiving being just around the corner, it gives me an opportunity to think about all the many blessings my family and I have from our health, our friends, our two wonderful labs, our two horses to spending time with many of you over the past several months. We had such a wonderful time with our Chili and bonfire that the expectations have been raised for next year's event. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed a great day (and night)!

Our one planned event this month will be held on Tuesday November 3rd at Mackinaw's Grill and Spirits hosted by Jim and Mary Haen. The fun begins with Social time from 5:00-6:30pm with Dinner to follow. So please come out and enjoy some great food and I am sure some colorful stories from the year.

As a reminder our Christmas party is on December 12th at the Holiday Inn River Walk in Neenah, hosted by Gordon Skog. Be sure to check in this month's newsletter for further details.

The ballots for next year's board will be coming out the first part of November. Please take a look and vote appropriately and help shape our club for 2016.

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 Mackinaw's. Happy and safe motoring!

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# FVR Calendar of Events

## 2015 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 3 - Social and dinner at Mackinaw's in Green Bay. Hosted by Jim & Mary Haen. RSVP by October 29 to [mehaen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mehaen@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Events for 2016 are still in the early planning stages, items on the table so far include:**

Movie night - late January, Barlow theater in Menasha

New member meeting - February, Green Bay

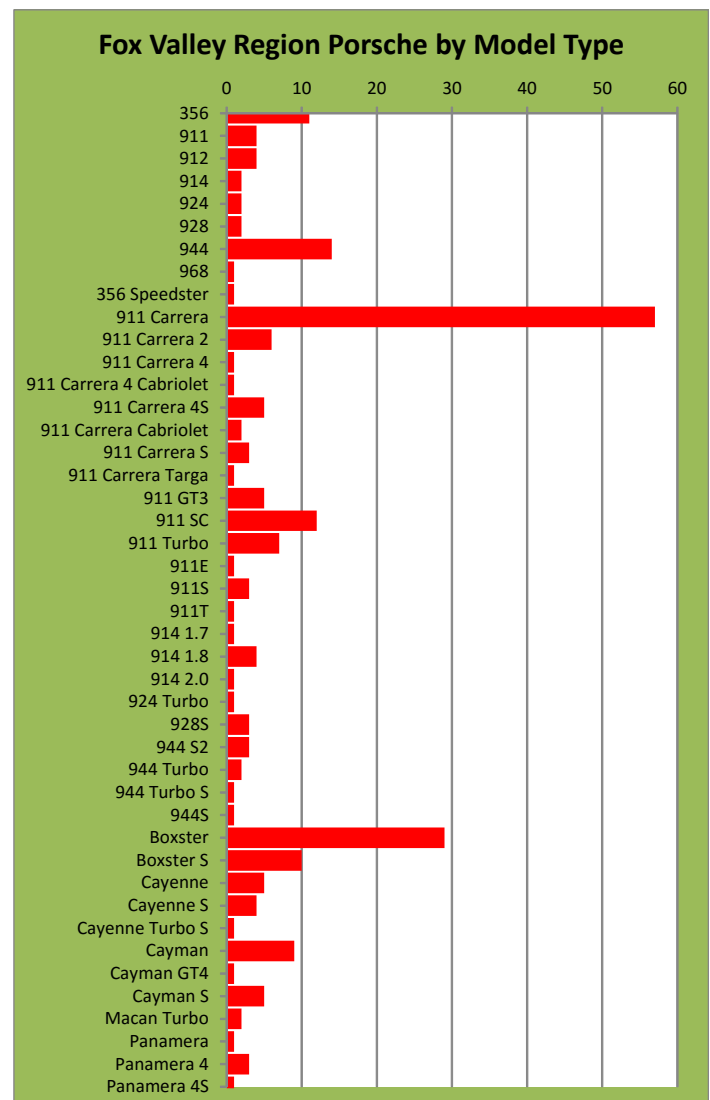
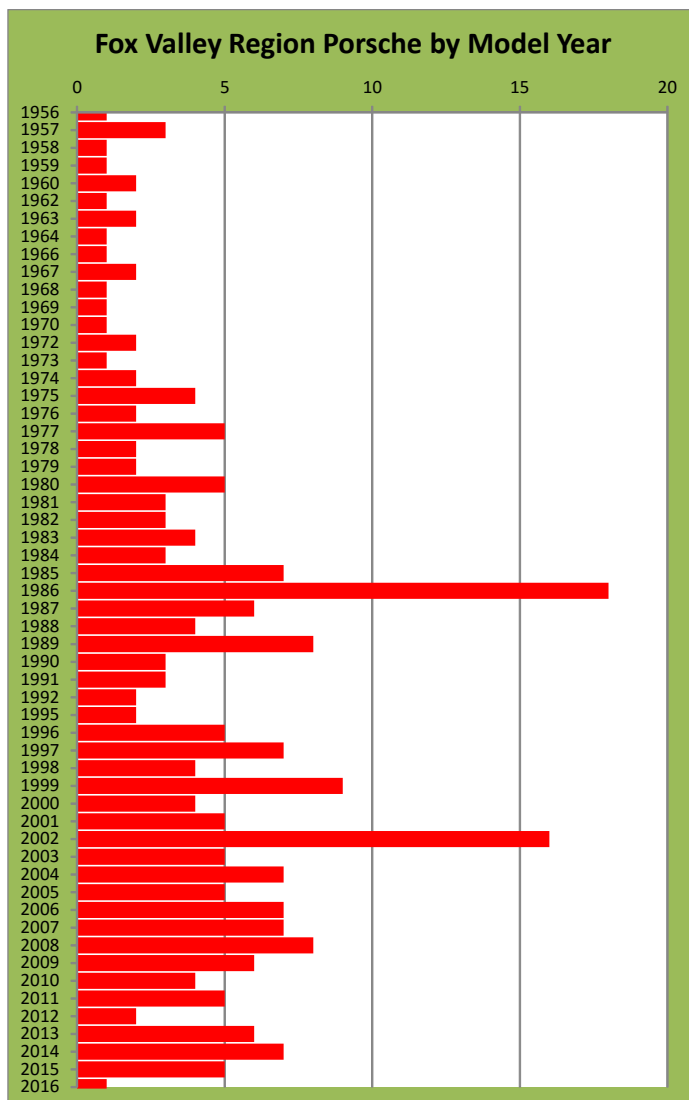
Annual Board meeting - March, Appleton

Tubing social & dinner - July, river tubing on the Little Wolf & socializing/dinner

Fall Tech Session - October 4, Tech Session at Auto Clinic

Christmas party - December, location and date TBD

Other events that have also been discussed, but have not yet gained enough traction to be given a calendar spot are: a spring tech session featuring Cayenne cooling tube replacement, gimmick rally, Spring and/or Fall tours (ideas and host volunteers needed).





# November 3, 2015: Dinner at Mackinaw's



Please join us November 3rd 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.

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 October 29th so we have a head count for adequate seating. We hope to see you there!



# December 12, 2015: FVR Holiday Party



- What: 2015 Holiday Party, hosted by Gordon Skog and Lindsay Daly
- When: Saturday, December 12, 2015
- Where: Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk  
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](mailto:gord240z@live.com)

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# FVR Event Host Recognition

Being an all volunteer organization, the Fox Valley Region of the PCA relies entirely on those who choose to offer up their time and efforts for the betterment of the club. These volunteers do this for the benefit of not only our members, but for the communities in which we all live.

As far back as November 2013, several members outside of the FVR board have provided significant support to the club through their involvement with planning for the 25th anniversary event in Egg Harbor this last June. These members are highly deserving of recognition; Eric Iverson, John & Connie Manki, Dennis & Sherry Ahlman, William Hewitt, Tom & Kathleen Robl, Allan & Pat Utecht, and George & Quinn Payne. Information regarding all of the FVR sponsored events held in the last 12 months, including the hosting member are listed below.

Date	Event description	FVR Host / sponsor	Newsletter follow-up
11/4/2014	Social and dinner at Mackinaw's in Green Bay	Jim & Mary Haen	
12/13/2014	Holiday party at Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk	Gordon Skog	Jan-15
1/8/2015	Movie Night at UW-Fox Valley	Gordon Skog & Jim Perry	
2/21/2015	Chicago Auto Show Deluxe Motor Coach trip	Laura Prellwitz	Mar-15
3/3/2015	Annual FVR Board meeting at Titledown Brewery	Laura Prellwitz	Apr-15
4/11/2015	Visit to Tom Grunnah's Porsche collection in Elkhart Lake, followed by dinner at The Depot in Plymouth	Laura Prellwitz	May-15
4/18/2015	Tour to Bailey's Harbor, with dinner at the Coyote Roadhouse	Sergio Heredia	May-15
5/1/2015	Open House at David C. Treichel Auto refinishing and Porsche Service in Sherwood	Dave Treichel	Jun-15
5/5/2015	Spring opener at Jim & Linda's in Pipe	Alan & Pat Utecht	Jun-15
5/9/2015	Tech session on garage lifts in Menasha	Bryan Robertson	Jun-15
6/2/2015	Dinner social at Kodiak Jack's in Oshkosh	John & Jeanne Strublic	Jul-15
6/26/2015	FVR 25th Anniversary Celebration at Landmark Resort	Laura Prellwitz	Jul-15
7/11/2015	Veteran's Bike Ride/Fund Raiser, coordinated by Alan Cayer	Alan Cayer	
7/18/2015	Little Wolf River tubing social and dinner	Mark & Barb Wilkinson	Aug-15
7/26/2015	Pot luck social at Trout Springs Winery in Greenleaf	Steve & Andrea DeBaker	Aug-15
8/8/2015	Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche	Bob Dean	
9/5/2015	Picnic at Road America	Gordon Skog	
9/19/2015	Coffee and doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche	Bob Dean	
9/19/2015	Tour to Alfa Heaven in Aniwa	Shaun Stamnes	Oct-15
9/19/2015	Geigel Acres Car Show, proceeds help support the Manitowoc Domestic Violence Shelter programs	Roy & Darleen Geigel	
9/25/2015	Fall Tour to Spring Green	Warren & Joyce Beaver	Oct-15
10/6/2015	Tech Session at the Auto Clinic	Gordon Skog	Nov-15
10/10/2015	Chili Social in De Pere	Todd and Shelia Benz	Nov-15



# Co-member PCA E-news and more

## How to add a Co-member to PCA emailer distribution

As was described in last months newsletter, the PCA Emailer is now being used for distribution of Whaletales. The PCA Emailer is also used for distribution of PCA related news from PCA national, and it is a service that is also available to PCA co-member / affiliate members. What that means is that the co-member can receive their own copy of Whaletales, as well as receiving timely news and other Porsche related content from PCA.

Enabling co-member receipt of emails from both PCA National and the Fox Valley Region (i.e. their own copy of Whaletales) can be done using two different methods. One would be to modify the co-member email address using the primary member's login. To do so, log into [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) and navigate to (Membership -> My Account -> Edit -> Membership -> Co-Member Info (Family or Affiliate Member Username) -> Edit -> E-mail address).

An alternative method is for the co-member to use their own login and maintain their own member data. If the co-member does not already have their own login, one can be created by visiting the login page and following the instructions given for new members.

Mark Wilkinson  
Editor, *Whaletales*  
[Fox Valley Region PCA](http://fv.pca.org)



"Allows you to hunt where others fear to prey" #HappyHalloween (Twitter posting)

# Followup: Fall Tech Session

On Tuesday, October 6, Gordon Skog hosted another of his annual Fall Tech sessions at The Auto Clinic in Neenah. Always both entertaining and enlightening, these sessions have been a great opportunity for members to become more familiar with the intricacies of providing proper mechanical care for their Porsche.

The particular maintenance concerns and needs of the Boxster was theme of this session, which was quite well attended by a very attentive audience. After a brief general discussion, Gordon demonstrated the positioning of the Boxster convertible top to the “service position” which is point of travel midways between the normal top up or down positions. This, disconnecting various components of the convertible top, and removal of the engine cover/sound deadening material are perquisites to obtaining access to the engine bay.

Various maintenance tasks that can be performed with access from the engine to the topside were then covered before moving on to items accessible from other locations, such as fill points for engine oil and coolant. After raising the captive Boxster on the hoist, additional maintenance tasks and tips referencing the underside of the vehicle were also covered.

Members were attentive to the details of the session, with many taking notes for future reference. Several individuals were lucky recipients of door prizes donated by Gordon, and large roll-around tool box that was raffled off was won by Dennis Olson. Gordon also provided refreshments and pizza for the guests in attendance.



Gordon fields questions on Boxster maintenance issues (Wilkinson Photo)



# Followup: Fall Tech Session



Boxster engine oil and coolant fill points. (Wilkinson Photo)



The intermediate shaft (IMS) bearing. (Wilkinson photo)



Gordon pointing out IMS location. (Wilkinson photo)



# Followup: Fall Social at the Benz's

On Saturday, October 10 Fox Valley members travelled to the Benz residence in DePere for a Chili and Bonfire social. Prior to the social gathering, a scheduled FVR-PCA Board meeting was held. The minutes of that meeting can be found in this issue of Whaletales. Todd proudly served two varieties of his homemade chili, and both were quite delicious. During the chili tasting, everyone took the opportunity to converse with their fellow members.

Of course, we did end up having to push one vehicle that refused to start - but it was not a Porsche! And speaking of other marques, Nick Proctor entertained himself and a few other members with short "test rides" in his newest 4-wheeled interest. Not sure if it would be proper to divulge much more information, but Sheila Benz did at one point consider tasking the dogs on chasing away "that cat in our yard!" As dusk settled in, the group proceeded down a path to a clearing in the woods where several wood pallets, some scrap lumber, and a very large wooden spool were lit up for the evening bonfire. In the following photos, you can see for yourself evidence of the enjoyable time had by all.



Justin Benz offers scale to the "Before" picture. (Benz Photo)



# Followup: Fall Social at the Benz's



A Porsche-lined driveway at the Benz residence. (Benz Photo)



Cat in the yard - unleash the hounds! (Benz photo)



Justin provides scale to the "before" picture. (Wilkinson photo)



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The bonfire provided a great deal of illumination to the night sky. (Wilkinson Photo)



Young-at-heart kids of all ages enjoyed staring into the mesmerizing flames. (Wilkinson photo)

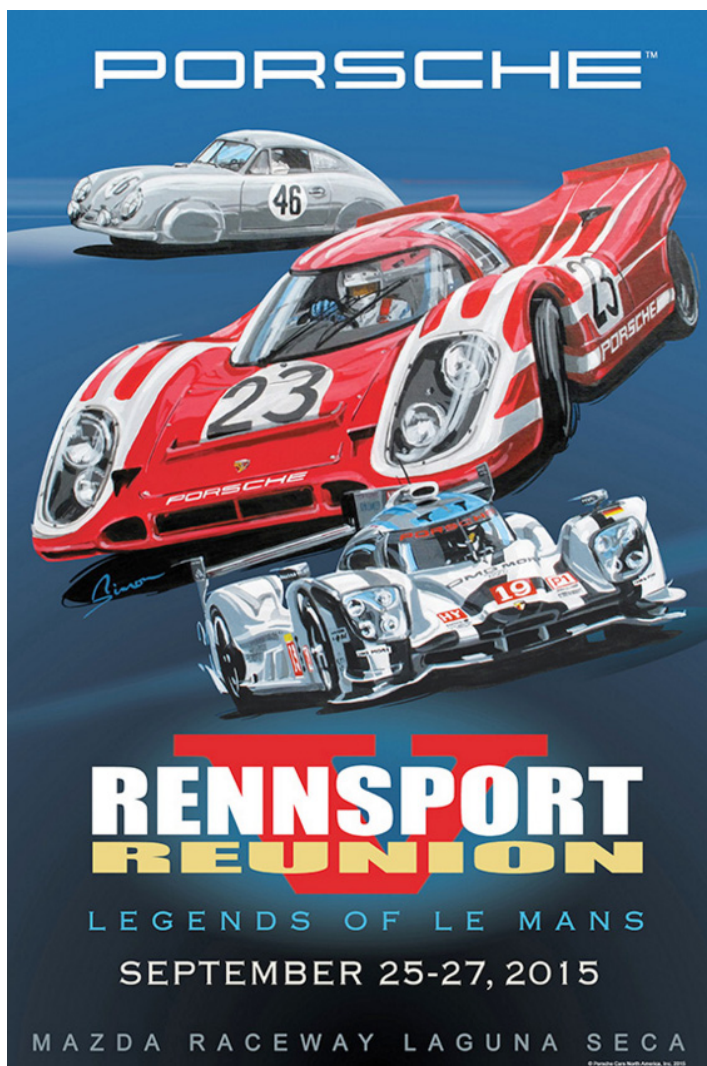


# Porsche Rennsport Reunion V

## FVR member Bob Dean's report on Rennsport Reunion V

From September 25-27, 2015, my wife and I had the chance to attend Rennsport V, at Mazda Raceway, Laguna Seca in California. The event host, Porsche Cars, North America, described Rennsport Reunion as the world's largest gathering of Porsche racecars, renowned drivers, and Porsche collector cars. It truly was a fantastic event, and provided a rare chance to witness an extraordinary gathering of significant Porsche vintage and current racecars, as well as the motorsports figures who have designed, engineered, and driven them to victory in the world's most famous sports car races. From the original race cars from decades ago to the current Le Mans winning 919, all were present. Fans could also view 911's from the early years through the present, and the whole array of past supercars, such as the 959 to the Carrera GT and 918.

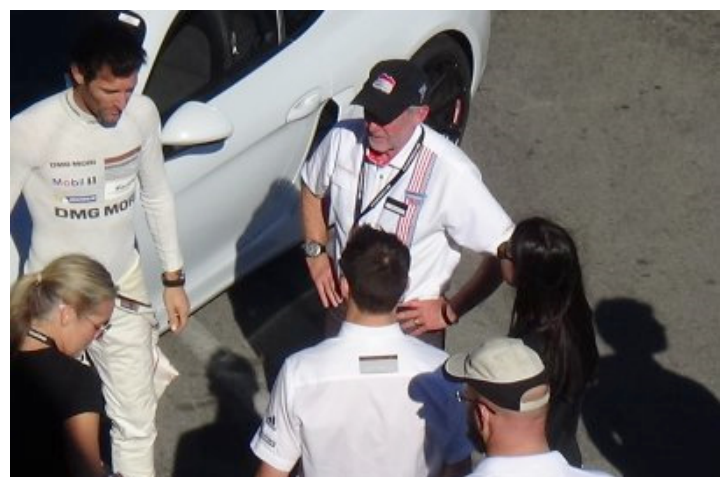
On the first day, we parked near the top of the famous corkscrew turn and watched in amazement as the Gmund class of vintage cars sped through the winding track for practice and qualifying rounds. The event was designed to allow the various classes of cars to race, grouped by year of production and engine size. Watching the historic 917 fly past in a blur brought the past to life, and scattered the imagination. Having the chance to meet the drivers from the current era to the past also brought the cars to life. Current greats such as Mark Webber and Brendon Hartley were joined by past Le Mans



Poster for Porsche Rennsport Reunion V



Five-time LeMans winner Derek Bell. (Bob Dean photo)



Mark Webber of WEC Team DMG MORI (Bob Dean photo)

# Porsche Rennsport Reunion V

drivers such as Derek Bell and others.

Porsche did a fantastic job allowing the fans and aficionados of the brand up close access to a vast collection of cars that was at times overwhelming, but always approachable. There were no ropes or barriers preventing the fans in attendance from taking pictures and experiencing the cars up close. The drivers were friendly and were very accommodating to the throngs of Porsche fans that asked them questions or requested pictures to capture the event.

Would we go back for Rennsport VI? Most definitely. Having the opportunity to share in such a special event that brings so many rare and special cars together in one place is too unique of an opportunity to pass up. Porsche Cars, North America and the Porsche Club of America did a wonderful job bringing the past to life, reminding all of us why the Porsche brand continues to capture our hearts and imaginations.

Bob Dean



1987 LeMans Winner #17 Rothmans 962C (Bob Dean photo)



2015 LeMans winner #19 DMG MORI 919 (Bob Dean photo)



Porsche 356 Gmund Coupe. (Bob Dean Photo)



# October Board Meeting Minutes

## October 10, 2015 Board Meeting

Attendance: Todd Benz, Mark Wilkinson, Jim Janes, Jim Haen, Mary Haen

Matt Safranski has stepped in as interim Vice President. Todd will reach out to Matt to see if he would like to be on the upcoming ballot for 2016.

Gas cards for hosting a 2015 events have all been distributed through the end of the year. Event hosts are given a \$25 gift card for hosting a FVR PCA event. Hosts of a multiple day event such as the Spring or Fall Tour are typically given a \$100 gas card. There are also allowances for Hosts to secure door prizes for events that are open to the full membership. The amount of the door prizes should be limited to one-half the number of members attending the function and should be no more than \$5 each. The hope is that subsidizing an event's expenses will result in more members stepping up to host.

Jim Haen was given the go ahead to get frames, mats, & paper stock for recognition plaques.

Jim Janes will check into invoicing for the advertisements in the newsletter. What is the timing of the next invoice cycle? Is everyone paid to date? Guidelines will be posted on the website.

Todd will submit a charity request for a charity he supports which provides trained dogs to veterans. We would like to leverage our donations to maximize any PCA National support. FVR PCA requires a written request for charity funds.

To promote events, tours, etc. we would like to continue to send member's recollections & photos to Panorama for publishing. Todd will check into the details and deadlines.

If you have suggestions for tours, dinners, or other events, contact a Board member with details. We would be willing to help you get your event on the calendar and help you with the details as you work through them and arrange subsidy of expenses.

New member dinner will be February 2nd. Jim Haen is looking into a restaurant location for the meeting. We need to have an annual meeting in the first three months of the year, and this could be combined with the new member welcome dinner.

Mark will create a list of events and hosts from the past year to thank those who have stepped up and hosted recent FVR PCA events.

Ballots will go out the beginning of November. So far the ballot contains Todd Benz for President, Todd will verify with Matt Safranski of his interest in Vice President duties, Jim Janes for Treasurer, and Mary Haen for Secretary. There were no nominations from the general membership.

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Once the ballots are tallied, Todd will work with VP Matt on getting plaques made and the master plaques at the Auto Clinic updated. Since one of the award boards is full, Jim Janes will check into adding an additional award board or an addition/continuation to the current award board.

Todd will review the contents of the "President's Binder" of original paperwork from the beginning of our region. The binder will most likely become part of the archive in the library.

The new Porsche leadership at Bergstrom is very interested in furthering a relationship with the club. The board discussed a possible quarterly news column in Whalestales sharing new dealership products and pieces of interest in the Porsche world. Also in an effort to entice new members, there was discussion of offering a one year FVR PCA membership to first time Porsche buyers when they purchase their car at Bergstrom. This would be a win-win for the dealership, the club, and the new member.

Mary Haen  
FVR PCA Secretary



# 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

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Joel Aberg	Eau Claire, WI	1998 911 Carrera, 2006 Cayman S	2003
Reick & Noemi Beiersdorf	Plymouth, WI	2009 911 Carrera, 2006 911 Carrera S	2009
Dennis & Nancy Brierton	Pewaukee, WI	2010 Boxster	2012
Jack & Carole Dewolf	Clintonville, WI	1986 911 Turbo, 2002 911 Carrera	1997
Keary & Jane Kautzer	Sheboygan, WI	2001 Boxster S	2014
Heidi Mitchell	Appleton, WI	1992 911 Carrera 2, 1992 911 Carrera 2	2004
Andrew & Elise Opicka	Green Bay, WI	2003 911 Carrera, 2008 Cayenne S	2005
Peter Preston & Heidi Heath	Oshkosh, WI	2006 Cayman S	2010
Wayne Slowinski & Debra Blohm	Suamico, WI	2002 911 Carrera Cabriolet	2014
David & Tyler Stank	Appleton, WI	1982 911 SC	2005

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

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Todd Kresheck	Manitowoc, WI	1991 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet	2015

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 309 total members, with 175 primary members and 134 affiliate/family members. With 235 vehicles being registered with PCA, 27% of FVR members report owning more than one Porsche.

Also thank you also to our loyal members who continue to renew their membership with us annually. Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated. Renewing your membership is even easier with the redesigned PCA website, simply login to [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org) and click on the renewal date near your welcome banner.



# From the Editor



## The Learning Curve

Although we have been relatively lucky to have seasonably mild fall weather, the increasing shortness of daylight hours signals the inevitable approach of winter. Everyone deals with that somewhat differently. For some, the season brings long-awaited opportunities for outdoor activities dependent on cooler weather. Seasonal hunting traditions, landscaping yardwork, and other fall activities, and then eventually activities reliant on accumulations of snow and ice can help us remain active in the outdoors.

Others find that warmer climates make coping easier, and although I do enjoy the seasonal changes we experience in Wisconsin, the allure of travelling to warmer climates to avoid the dreaded cabin fever is quite real to me. Lucky for us, this is only November, and while the daylight hours may be minimal, relatively warm days with sunshine are still not that uncommon. Making the best of those occasions by enjoying a ride in a Porsche can add more light of day into anybody's life!

Please keep an eye on the club calendar as we work to finalize plans for 2016 events. There are several events solidifying, waiting only on the logistical details before being formally scheduled. Many others are in the preliminary brainstorming process, so as always; if you have an idea for an event or care to volunteer for hosting an event please contact any of the board members and we promise to hear your ideas. If your event idea is doable, we will provide assistance in making it a reality.

Your Whaletales Editor,

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