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A sculpture created by British artist Gerry Judah titled "Inspiration 911" consisting of three pillars, each crowned with a Porsche 911 from different 911 generations has been erected on Porscheplatz as a tribute to the history of the classic.



From Your Region's President

September Presidents Letter

As the month of August slips by and the last "official" weekend of summer approaches, we may be tempted to start thinking of all the thing we have not done this summer. Whether it is a long drive in our Porsche, taking that family summer vacation, or finishing a home project, let us not forget we still have two months ahead where the weather can be fantastic. Let's get our Porsches out for those great late summer rides and early fall scenic drives. There are many Porsche events planned for the rest of the year so please look at your schedule and RSVP to the host of the upcoming events. We are all looking forward in seeing you there.

Speaking of things to do, we have a great Labor Day picnic planned at Road America this weekend through the generous invitation of the Chicago Region. Many thanks to Gordon for hosting this event for the past several years. It takes a lot time and work to host such an event so please be sure to thank Gordon and come out for a great time at Road America. All of the details are in this month's Whaletales so take a look and if you haven't RSVP'd yet but you think you may want to join us, please contact Gordon.

New elections are coming up in November and nominations for board positions and officers may be submitted to Mary Haen, Secretary, during the months of September and October. More details to follow in upcoming Whaletales.

In closing, I would just like to thank our wonderful membership and especially our board members for helping me through the past few months. It is truly a team effort.

Todd Benz, President
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FVR Calendar of Events

2015 Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 5 - Picnic at Road America. RSVP's **REQUIRED** to gord240z@live.com by August 29.
NOTE: **Celebratory lap will **NOT** be available because of a full race schedule**

Saturday, September 19 - Coffee and Doughnuts at Bergstrom Porsche 8:30-10:00 am, hosted by Bob Dean

Saturday, September 19 - Tour to Alfa Heaven at Aniwa, departing from Bergstrom Porsche at 10:00 am, with lunch stop in Birnamwood, hosted by Shaun Stamnes. RSVP to ssamnes@netnet.net

Saturday, September 19 - Geigel Acres Car Show, proceeds help support the Manitowoc Domestic Violence Shelter programs. Contact Roy & Darleen Geigel (920) 682-5282 for more information.

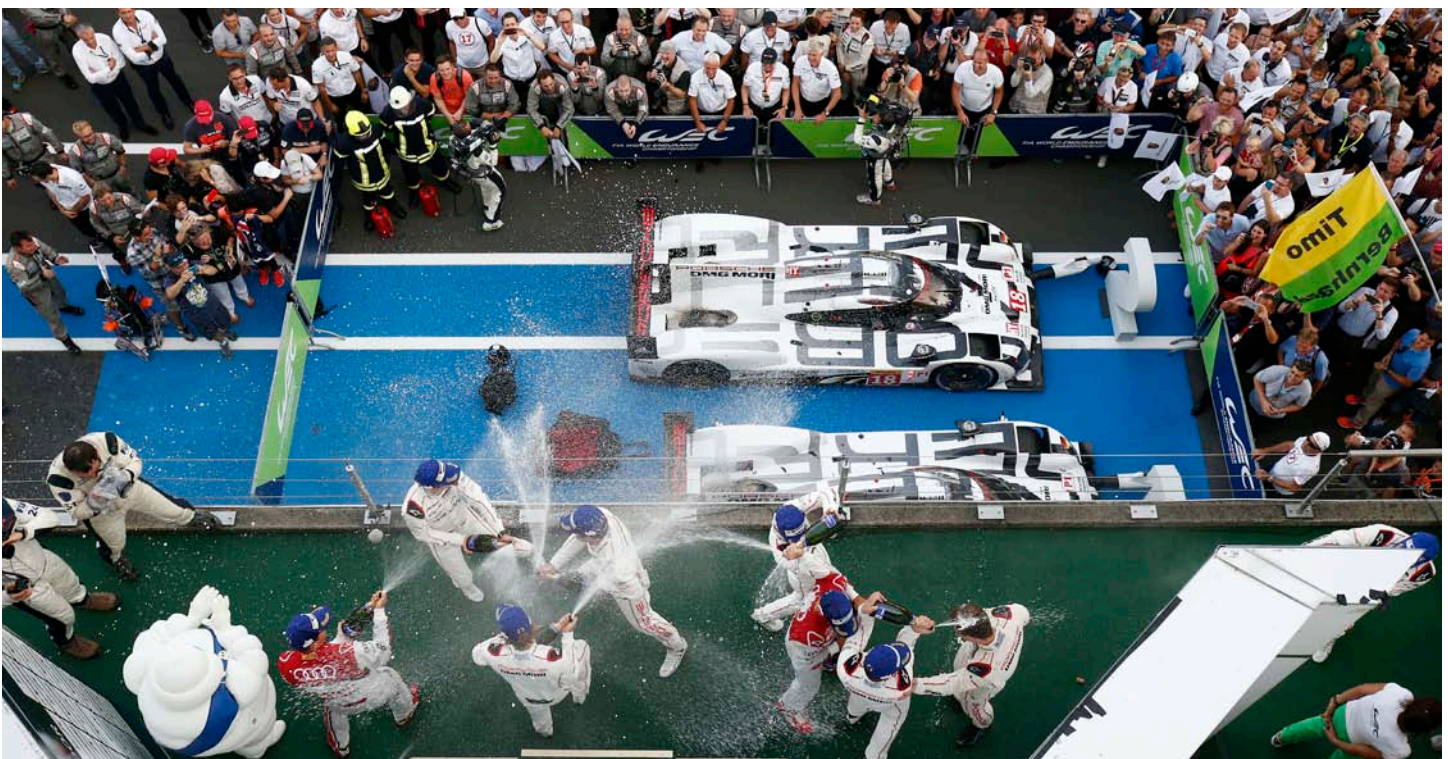
Friday September 25 - Sunday September 27 - Fall tour in the scenic and Porsche-worthy Spring Green area (**see this issue's updated details**). Hosted by Warren & Joyce Beaver beaversdime@solarus.net

Tuesday, October 6 - Tech session at the Auto Clinic in Neenah, hosted by Gordon Skog. No RSVP needed.

Saturday, October 10 - Chili Social at the Benz's in DePere, WI. 2:00 pm board meeting, followed by 4:00 pm chili social, and if weather permits, a bonfire. Hosted by Todd & Sheila Benz tbenz@onesourcetek.net

Tuesday, November 3 - Social and dinner at Mackinaw's in Green Bay. Hosted by Jim & Mary Haen. RSVP by October 31 to mehaen@sbcglobal.net

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



The celebration continues, as Porsche claimed a one-two result at the fourth round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) at the Nürburgring. (Porsche AG Press Database photo)

September 5, 2015: Picnic at RA

Picnic at Road America Turn 5 (old 356 Park)

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Members will need to check-in at the Farm House and sign the customary PCA waiver and wear a given wristband. It may be helpful to bring your PCA ID card.
- Registered FVR members and a single guest/spouse/associate member, and immediate family under the age of 18 are FREE to attend the picnic. Other family/friends cannot participate unless they are potential PCA members who own a Porsche, or are part of the Quest program.
- NOTE: **Previously announced celebratory lap on the track will unfortunately NOT be available because of a full race schedule.**
- About 5:00 PM - **members have the opportunity to join the parade into Elkhart Lake, courtesy of the Chicago Region, followed by dinner at Seibkens (cost is \$35 - RSVP with Gordon).**
- Special designated parking at the Concours for FVR members only, courtesy of the Chicago Region
- The picnic:
 - Gordon Skog is the host, but he would appreciate any help with set-up, cooking, or clean-up the day of the event. Picnic will be from approximately 10 AM - 2:00 PM (including set up and clean up times)
 - FVR will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, buns, condiments, table ware, water, and soda. If members want to bring/consume alcohol, they must bring their own. All members are asked to bring a dish to share: salad, appetizer, dessert, etc.
 - The Chicago Region's primary charity is Toys for Tots. In a show of appreciation to the Chicago Region, a FREE WILL DONATION will be collected at our food table for Toys for Tots. Additionally, the FVR will MATCH those donations. Our goal is at least \$500 total (\$250 from the attending members, and then FVR matching funds.)
 - Members should bring their own lawn chairs as desired.
- RSVP's are REQUIRED to Gordon Skog gord240z@live.com no later than Saturday, August 29 (one week prior to September 5). Everyone must RSVP. No "walk-ups" permitted.

We are extremely flattered and grateful to the good people from the Chicago race committee, especially Chuck LaMantia, and our Zone Rep., James Jacisin, for helping to coordinate this most generous offer.

Coffee and Doughnuts at the Dealership

Saturday, September 19, 2015
8:30 - 10:00 AM

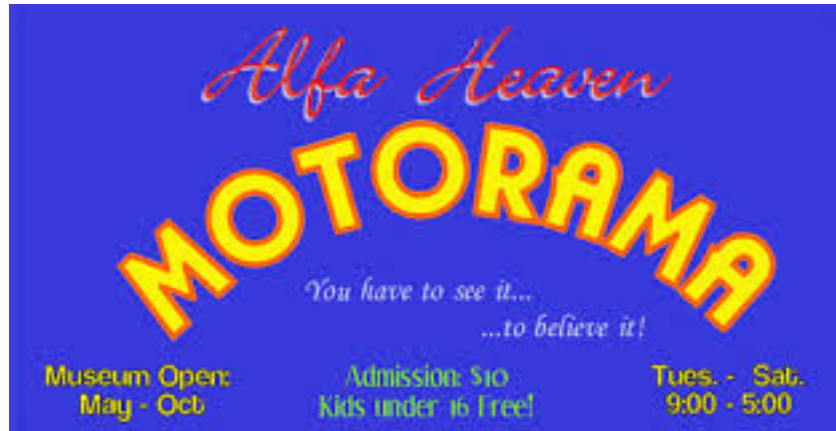


After a 1.5 year hiatus, coffee and doughnuts
social is back again!

No RSVP is needed. Just stop in and visit with fellow FVR-PCA members,
meet the sales staff, check out the inventory, and
have FUN talking Porsche!

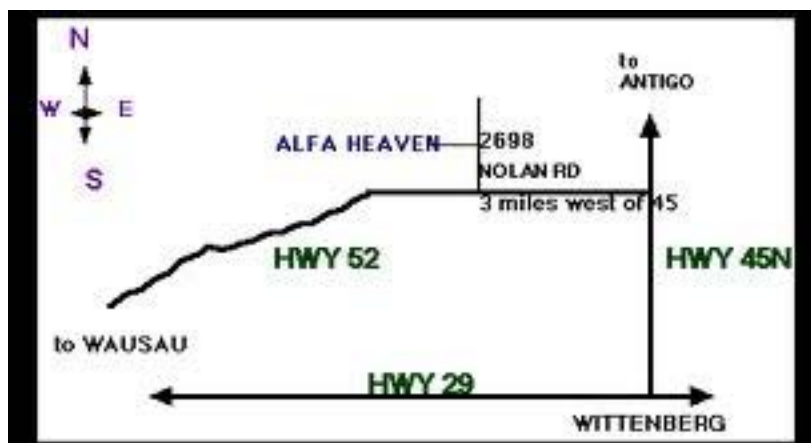


September 19, 2015: Alfa Heaven Tour



Please join us for a fun one-day event on Saturday, September 19, 2015 We will meet at Bergstrom Porsche for Coffee and Doughnuts from 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Departure from Bergstrom at 10:00 with a “scenic and spirited” drive to Chet & Emil’s restaurant in Birnamwood for a casual lunch @ 11:30ish. Depart from lunch about 1:00 and continue to Aniwa, WI, where we will have an approx. 3 hour guided tour to see “rare cars from around the world” including Porsche at Alfa Heaven www.alfaheaven.com Admission is \$10 per person.

RSVP’s must be sent to tour host Shaun Stamnes no later than September 15
ssamnes@net.net



September 2015

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September 19, 2015: Geigel Acres Car Show

CAR SHOW

September 19, 2015

Rain Date: October 3

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

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September 25-27, 2015: Fall Tour

The 2015 Fox River Valley Region's annual Fall tour, with travel routes including Porsche perfect touring along the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers, begins on Friday, September 25th caravanning from Auto Clinic at 1495 Cty II, Neenah with departure by 9:30 am. Arriving before 11:30 am Friday for lunch and driver's meeting at (new location) [Trails End Bar and Grille](#) 1497 Alpine Drive Nekoosa WI 54457 (town of Rome just down from Al Taylor's house). Contact Gordon 920-722-7990 for details of departure. We will leave Nekoosa (Rome) taking a scenic drive along the Wisconsin River and stopping at



a couple of our favorite vistas as we make our way to Spring Green. Before checking into the motel we will be touring [Ringbrothers](#), an award winning, internationally known car/hot rod shop. They would like us there by 3:30; so we will be on a very tight schedule. After checking into the motel we will have time for tailgating before having dinner at [Riverview Terrace](#) in the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center on the Wisconsin River.



We will use Spring Green, WI as our base; staying there two nights. We will be staying at the [Spring Green Motel](#). All units are at ground level. They have a lovely area for our traditional tailgating. A continental breakfast is served. Rooms have been blocked for us until August 5th - cancellations must be made at least one week prior. Prices range from \$79.00 to \$125.00. Be sure to tell them you are with the FVR Porsche Club. Motel contact information is sgmotel@charter.net or (608) 588-2141 or (888) 647-4410.

Saturday, September 26th will be primarily a driving tour making our way from Spring Green to the Mississippi River and back through the Driftless Area on county highways; roads made for Porsche driving. We will have lunch at the [Tangled Hickory Wine Bar and Bistro](#) in Viroqua. We will have time for tailgating at the motel before having dinner at [Arthur's Supper Club](#) Saturday evening. Sunday, September 27th is on your own. Spring Green has many attractions, shops, galleries and outdoor recreation for you to enjoy in addition to its scenic beauty.



Please join us for what we hope will be a very fun and enjoyable tour as we travel through the area we call our Sunday (or any time off) drive. Please sign up as early as possible, then contact us at beaversdime@solarus.net when you have booked your room so we know how many are coming or call me at (715) 451-5634 if you have any questions. We will get more info out to the participants as things solidify.

Warren and Joyce Beaver



October 1-3, 2015: PCA Escape



Come to Escape to Rushmore and enjoy Rapid City and the Black Hills for awesome sites and drives October 1, 2, 3.

Escapes are lots of fun!! Zone 10 and Nord Stern are excited to invite Porsches across the nation to come to ***Escape to Rushmore*** in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

- Rapid City, South Dakota, is the ***Escape 2015*** headquarters. When you come here, you have surprising variety in activities, challenging drives, and many things to see and do. You'll have good places to stay, eat and shop, too. Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza and the City Park adjoin the Civic Center and are headquarters for most activities.
- Mount Rushmore is just 24 miles away; this inspiring patriotic symbol has 60 foot faces of Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln. You can walk around the National Memorial alone or on guided tours. You'll see impressive views of the sculpture that have national and international recognition and reputation and you can take spectacular pictures.
- Crazy Horse Memorial is an internationally-known mountain carving that will be 641 foot long and 563 feet high when finished. You'll visit a representation of Crazy Horse, a strategic tribal leader in the Battle of the Little Big Horn. You can spend time in a beautiful museum of artwork.
- This area has internationally popular tourist geography and you have an amazing range of touring and driving opportunities. You can enjoy significant geography changes from the Badlands in the east to the Black Hills and Rapid City in the center to the natural Devil's Tower in the west.

Here are a few of many things you can choose from when you come to ***Escape 2015***:

- Great tourist attractions, tours, drives and group activities in a limitless variety of geographies with scenic touring and enthusiastic driving in ever-changing geography and on some very hilly, twisty roads
- Eight or more organized drives and activities to select from each of the 3 days
- An informal car show competing in a beautiful park where participants select winners
- Technical classes with leaders from a variety of Porsche backgrounds

With everything available in the Black Hills area and Rapid City, this ***Escape*** offers you lots of opportunities in socialization, tourism and challenging driving.

Find more and ever-changing information on the escape2015.pca.org website. Registration will open in July shortly after the Parade in French Lick, Indiana.

Put Escape 2015 on your calendar now and come to the Black Hills October 1-3.

Jim & Arlyce Lillegaard, Co-Chairs
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October 6, 2015: Fall Tech Session

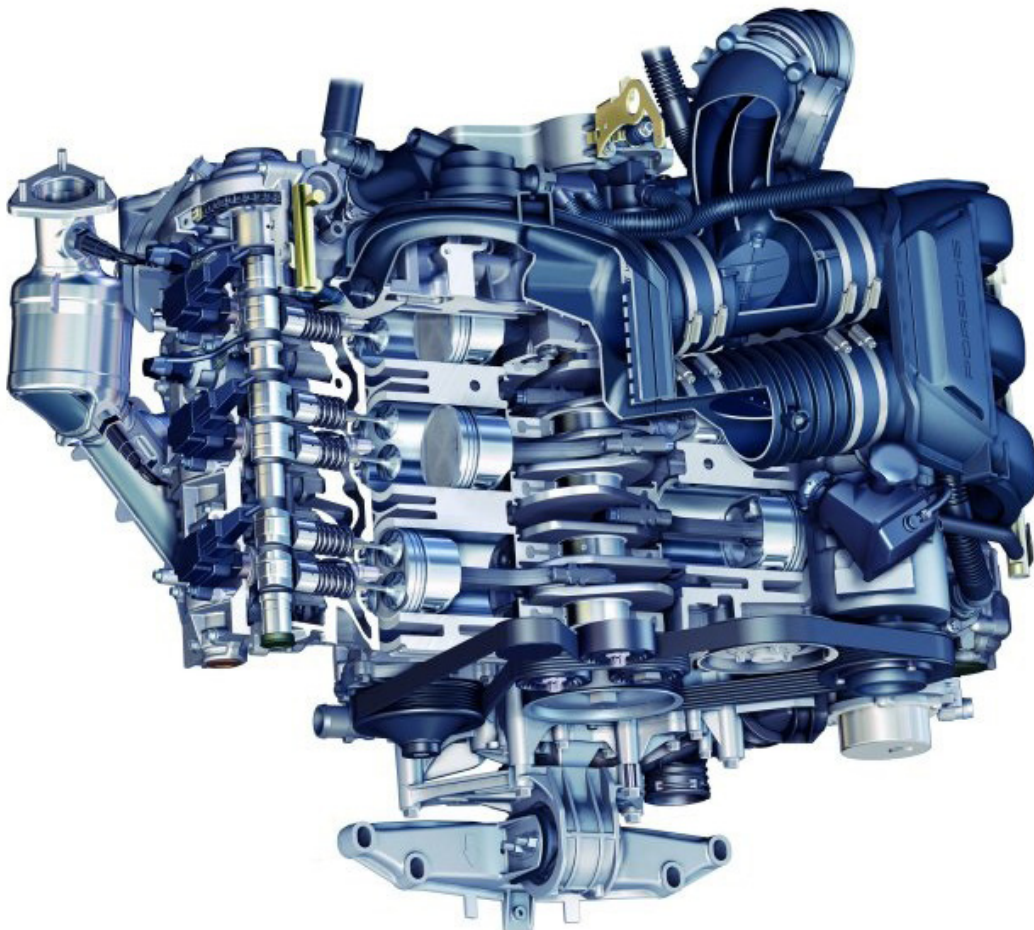
Tuesday, Oct. 6th will be Auto Clinic's annual Tech Session. This year we will show some common problems seen on the Boxster's engines and other discussion's Porsche related.

As usual no RSVP needed, just show up for an evening of relaxed enjoyment with fellow Porsche members. Pizza and snacks arrive at 6:00, Tech Session to start at 7:00.

Many great door prizes to WIN!!! Great drinks and food, All provided by Auto Clinic. So just come as you are and bring your Porsche's, weather permitting of course.

Location: Auto Clinic
1495 County Road II
Neenah, WI. 54956
Phone: 920-722-7990

Thank and see you then.....Gordon



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 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

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FVR Board Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2015 - Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

Due to the resignation of past President Laura Prellwitz, an emergency Board of Directors meeting was held 7/15/2015. Attendance included Mark Wilkinson, Andrew Opicka, Al Taylor, Jim Janes, Jim Haen, Mary Haen, Gordon Skog, Todd Benz, and Dan Pankratz.

Per our Bylaws, the Board nominated and elected an interim President. The nomination was made by Jim Janes and unanimously accepted to make our new President Mr. Todd Benz. As you probably already know, Todd served as our current/past Vice President.

I am also requesting nominations from the membership for all Board positions in our September and October newsletter for our Annual Elections, which will take place in November. Please contact myself or any board member if you'd like to volunteer for any position. Or maybe you'd like to contact a fellow club member and ask him or her to put their name in the ring, that would help too.

The position of Tech Advisor is open. Please let any board member know if you are interested.

Todd will do a write up as an introduction/biography for the newsletter. He says he is an email minimalist so be sure to check the newsletter carefully for the calendar of events and the rsvp deadlines.

Jim has removed Laura from the FVR PCA bank account and will have Todd added. The Board agreed to up the limit for approval of reimbursement checks to \$50.00. Anything under \$50, the Treasurer may reimburse at their discretion. Above \$50 must be put to the Board for their approval.

Andrew has requested insurance waivers for all our scheduled events through the end of the year.

There are two Board of Directors meeting each year; our second/next Board meeting will be prior to the Chili and Bonfire event at Todd & Sheila's home in October. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Gordon Skog will host the Holiday Party. His daughter will again assist with the check in of guests. Table favors will not be date stamped so we can get larger quantity discounts and any extra items can be re- purposed at future club events.

Mary Haen
FVR PCA Secretary
Contact me at FVRPCA1-1@sbcglobal.net

Call for FVR BOD Nominations

Nominations for 2016 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 fifteen or sixteen 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



FVR Presidential Bid / Member Bio: Todd Benz

Running for President of the Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America: Todd Benz

Let me introduce myself, my name is Todd Benz (no relation to the legendary car company). I have had a passion for cars for as long as I can remember.

Maybe it was my German heritage, but I had an eye for the 80's Mercedes Benz Roadsters like the ones from the TV show Dallas. Here I was in my 20's and had a taste for very expensive cars without the income to support it. What was I to do? None of my friends would have understood let alone supported those thoughts so I kept them to myself. As the years went by, my secret "loves" stayed with me. My income increased, but so did the expenses. My family expanded - dogs, wife, son, but I did make myself a promise - no minivans! In the end, we "settled" for Chevrolet Suburbans and Avalanches. Then one summer day in 2005 at the Lola Car Show, I came face to face with a beauty I could not resist - a 1984 Mercedes Benz 380SL Roadster, gold exterior / Brazil Brown interior with only 93K miles. Thanks to an understanding wife (with a weakness for the color gold) and on-site finance/insurance, I drove home in my new love. My wife thought that I was officially having my "mid-life crisis", but since it was a car that she too could enjoy, then it should be okay!

In the spring of 2008, my wife and I were "truck shopping" (for me) and we (I) decided to stop at Fox Valley Porsche for fun. I had seen that they had a few used 911's and thought "What the heck? It can't hurt to look". We test drove both a 911 Coupe and Cabriolet. It was my first time driving a 911 and I thought I died and gone to heaven! My wife was very skeptical, but within thirty days, after many deep conversations and admissions that "Women would never understand Cars and Men would never understand Shoes and Purses", she agreed to let me buy the Coupe as long as I could fit it in the garage. So with a little persistence and creative garage management, I now have dream car #2. As for dream car #3, well guess I'll have to wait until we build another garage, but.....you know I do like those Cabriolets..... Dream car is still on the back burner but my family and I have been very blessed so in 2013, I was able to purchase a new Cayenne S as my daily driver (Hook-line-sinker).

Enough of the cars and dreams of cars, I have been an active PCA member since 2008 and that glorious day in April. My wife and I went to several events and had such a wonderful time that we decided (with a little encouragement) that we would host the Chili and Bonfire Fall Social. After several years and numerous downpours, we still like to test our luck and tempt fate with our dreams of "Signal Fires" on a cool fall evening. Every year the club just gets better and better with more people hosting new events and the traditional annual events, like the Rafting Trip and Trout Springs Wine Tasting in July, that have become the main-stays that everyone looks forward to. As my wife and I often say, "It's the cars that bring everyone together, but it's the people that make the club so special". I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your President of our wonderful club. Thank you.

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First Time 1987 Carrera Engine Drop - Chapter 16 - "The Finish Line in Sight"
Jim Prellwitz

So I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's been about 15 months so far and I have learned a lot of things while working on this project.

I learned that it gets very cold in an unheated garage in January. I learned that you never have all the tools you need, but many times, your friends do. I learned that you should never, under any circumstances, listen to your father when he tells you to just pound the bolt in. I learned that a torch can be your friend. I learned that 27 year old bolts can be your worst nightmare. I learned to take many, many, many, many pictures as memory is not what it is cracked up to be. I learned that people will read the most boring drivel if it has pictures and involves the inside of a Porsche. I am sure there are many more things I have learned but most of all I learned that while a lot of things can go wrong, friends will always find a way to pick you up and encourage you to keep going.



Well here we are. The engine is finally ready to go back in to the car. It's on the floor cart and in position beneath the car. The countdown is beginning.

I begin by lowering the car to a manageable level so I don't have to lift the engine so high. The cart is good but with a single lifting point, it gets a bit precarious when going to high.



With the car lowered, I can position the jack under the floor cart to begin lifting the engine. It's a bit tricky as I want to replace the washers on the transmission cross member mount and the engine cross member mount and that requires that I



get the mounting locations very close and then carefully slide the new washers into position before lifting the engine completely into place.

I also need to ensure that there are no components hanging in the way while lifting and that nothing gets pinched off. This all means that I

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need to simultaneously watch the jack, the underside of the car and the engine bay. So its lift a little, check everything, lift a little, check everything and continue to repeat this until the mounts are about 1/4" away from contact.



The view inside the engine compartment looks like there is a lot of room initially but it closes up very quickly.

Ever so slowly I raised the jack and soon I could slide the washers into position. Another bit of a lift and then I installed the bolts. The bolt helped align everything and finally I saw the car was starting to lift. I tightened the bolts and with a sigh, I lowered the jack and began looking over where everything aligned.

The transmission mount looked good. I need to attach the ground strap and the shift linkage but everything else looks good. The clutch cylinder is hanging next to the far green shock absorber. The linkage for the anti-roll bar was mounted a while ago and is just awaiting the roll bar to be installed. Around to the other side and I install the clutch cylinder and make sure everything is in alignment there. I need to connect the hot air ducts from the heat exchangers to the hot air lines yet.



Several hours have passed and I have checked and double checked everything connected with the engine. Wiring harnesses, fuel lines, oil lines, etc... I figure what the heck. It's about 46 degrees in the garage and I really want to see if I succeeded with the project. I put 10 qts of fresh oil in the tank and I cautiously turn the key to get the fuel pump running. Immediately, my spidey-sense started to tingle. Well not really. Mostly I could just smell gasoline.

I turn off the key and frantically look around the car. Sure enough, under the driver's side of the engine compartment, gasoline is leaking down to the floor. Crap! Flashlight to the engine compartment and I see the source. I had not tightened the fuel line to the filter and it was running down the side of the filter and finding its way to the floor. I tightened the line and cleaned up the fuel puddle. I went around one more time to check all of the fuel and oil lines again.



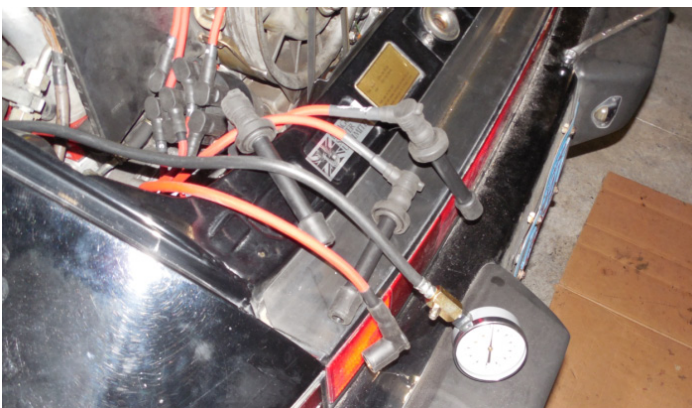
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The next day after the gasoline fumes had dissipated I steeled my nerve enough to try again. Key on. No gasoline smell. That's good news. I turn the key and let the engine turn just a few times to get the oil flowing. I wait a bit and then turn it over again to watch the oil pressure. It begins to climb. Again good news. I wait again and decide to make it happen. Turn the key. Engine turns over. Fires a few times and stops. Hmmm. I try again and it fires and starts to stumble and sputter. Its running like a single cylinder John Deere. Did I mention I was running it without a muffler? Loud as heck and horribly rough. Dejected, I shut it down. I am stumped as to the cause. I pull the plugs to see what is happening with them.



Plugs one and three show fouling. Plug two shows nothing. No oil, no fuel, no heat marks, nothing. Plugs four and five show fouling but six also shows nothing. What could this mean?

I mulled it over for a few days and figured it had to either be something bad inside the engine, problem with the fuel injectors or I had screwed up something with plug wires or the timing. I checked the plug wires and pulled the distributor cap and found everything was correctly routed from distributor to plugs. The Clewett plug wires are nice in that they are each labelled with the cylinder number to facilitate proper routing. Doug Richter loaned me his compression tester in order to see if there was something going on with the compression. It was about 20 degrees in the garage but we were undaunted and we checked each cylinder and found good compression (considering the ambient temperature) on each so we called it a night and retired to the house to warm up. Over the next few



days I checked the fuel pressure and it was also good, I checked all of the electrical connections again and couldn't find anything wrong. I started following all of the vacuum lines to make sure they were all connected properly. I found them all in order as well.

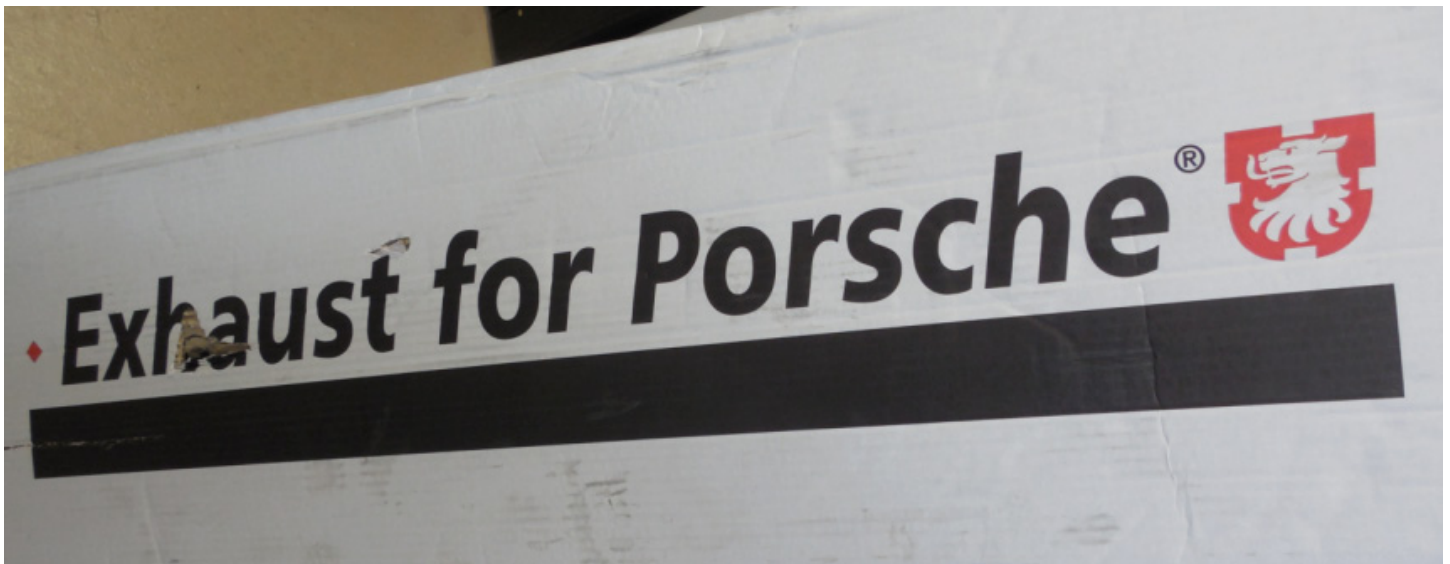
One more issue to check but I need a warmer day for that. On one of the few warmer Saturdays in January I resolved to check the last issue on my list. I needed to verify that I did not mess up the

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timing and that it was not causing the misfiring problem. Unfortunately with the engine already in the car this was a very substantial task. I pulled the valve covers off and removed the distributor cap. Setting up my dial gauge again I went through the process of checking the timing. Checking cylinder four, I found that the timing was off by about the width of the timing mark. Not substantial but maybe enough to cause some trouble. Then I switched to the number 1 cylinder. This is where I found the trouble. The timing on the left bank of cylinders was off by about 11 degrees. There must have been some slack in the chain when I previously set the timing. Fortunately I had turned the engine over numerous times and there was no interference so I was reasonably certain that I did not break or bend anything inside.

So this is where it gets difficult. I removed the heater tube cross over in order to get at the rear sheet metal pan. I removed the rear sheet metal from the engine pan in order to gain access to the chain covers. I removed muffler bracket and the A/C bracket to get at the right side chain cover. I figured as long as I was going back in, I would reset both sides. I removed the oil tensioner feed lines and then the chain covers. Then I undid the cam gear bolts and began the process of setting the timing all over again. This is so much easier with the engine out of the car and on a stand. After checking each side about a dozen times I finally decided to close it all back up. After about 3 hours of disassembly, setting the timing and reassembly, I made one more attempt at running the car while the temperatures were still near 40 degrees. I put fresh oil in and prepared myself for the worst.

I removed the fuel relay and turned over the engine again to build some pressure and the needle on the oil pressure gauge moved up. With a deep breath I approached the moment of truth. I reconnected the fuel relay and turned the key. The engine fired once and quit. I tried again and it fired twice and finally the engine came to life, gurgling at idle like a normal Porsche engine. I let it run for a couple of minutes and shut it down.



Finally my car had a running engine again. I assembled my new muffler system (a Fabspeed premuffler and an original equipment Dansk muffler) to quiet the exhaust a little bit. I think the neighbors two blocks away were starting to wonder what was going on. The exhaust note is still pretty much stock but it cleans up the underneath a little bit with the better fitting muffler.

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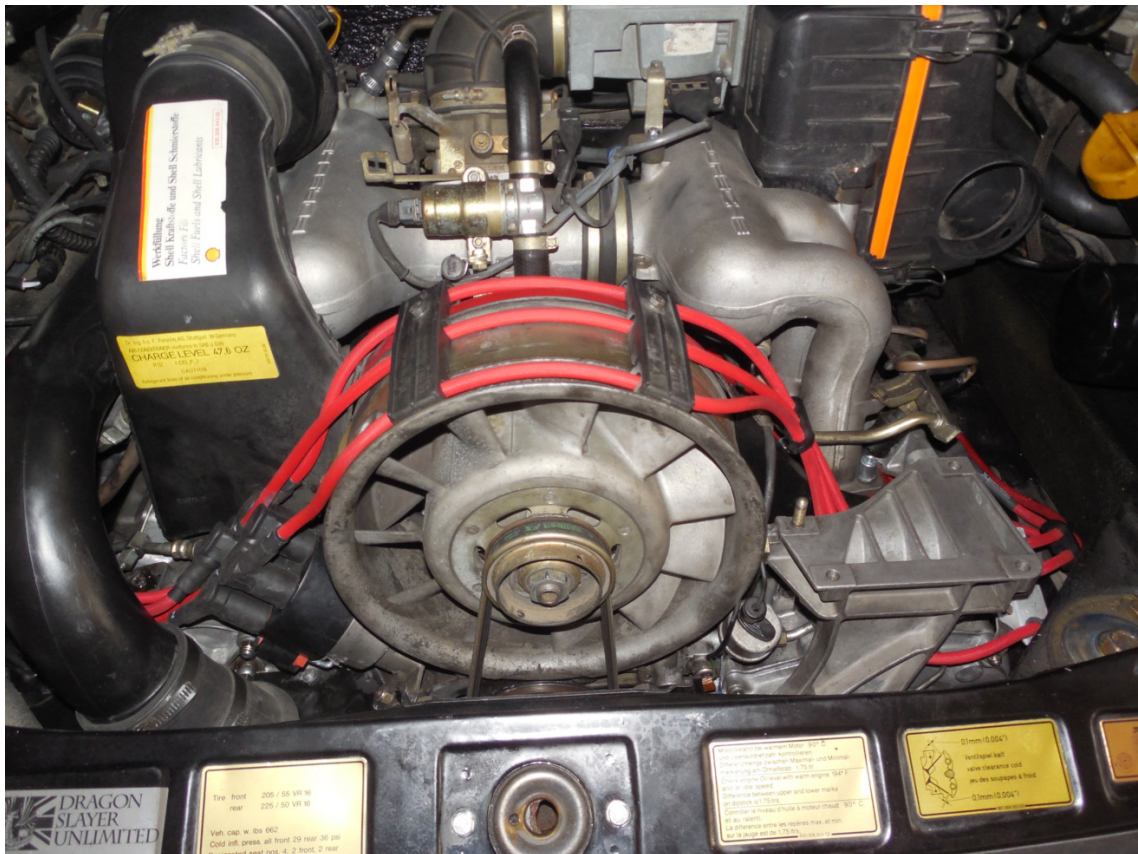
The Fabspeed premuffler is stainless steel and the Dansk muffler is aluminized steel. I couldn't see spending the extra \$800 to get a stainless steel muffler as well. The project has already gone over my budget by a fair amount.



Everything fit nicely and hopefully the stainless steel bolts washers and nuts will allow me to change it out more easily if I ever do come into some cash to upgrade to stainless steel throughout.



This is a photo of the engine idling. I was surprised that the camera was actually able to catch the fan while spinning at idle. Now I just need to get it on the road for a good break in run.



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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Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member Since
Al Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster	2009
Kurt Damm	Manitowoc, WI	2009 911 Carrera	2014
Richard Elrod	Appleton, WI	2005 Boxster, 2006 911 Carrera	2000
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2010 911 GT3	2009
Steve Gering & Drew Gering	Oconto, WI	1981 924 Turbo, 1985 944, 1960 356, 1972 914	1996
Wayne & Gail Kindschy	Appleton, 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 SC	1996
James & Linda Mollon	Oshkosh, WI	1986 911 Carrera	1998
Dennis & Madelyn Olson	Appleton, WI	1996 911 Carrera 4S	1996
James Prellwitz	Manitowoc, WI	1987 911 Carrera	1999
Pete & Joy Thielmann	Kiel, WI	1995 911 Carrera	2011
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
Mitchell Hansen	Manitowoc, WI	2015 911 GT3	2015
Mark Kienert (transfer from Central Wisconsin)	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	1998 Boxster	2015
Steve & Cheri Ziegler (transfer from Milwaukee)	Ripon, WI	1983 928S	2014

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From the Editor

The Learning Curve

We are only a few short weeks away from this year's FVR Fall Tour, and I am certainly looking forward to the interesting itinerary that Warren and Joyce Beaver have put together. With the Spring Green area serving as home base for a weekend of driving, food, and socializing in Southwestern Wisconsin, this sure to be a great way to enjoy late September in Wisconsin.



On the national scene, the 2015 PCA Fall Escape is happening just a few days after the FVR Fall tour, with this year's home base being in Rapid City, South Dakota. As of press time there are perhaps a few dozen spots available on the roster. One can expect to see around 300 Porsches from around the country at Escape, an annual PCA event with a primary focus of socializing and driving tours in areas of the country with great scenic beauty.

Getting back to our regional club happenings, as always we have a mix of driving tours, social events, and tech sessions remaining on the calendar for 2015. These events, every one of them hosted through the volunteer efforts of your fellow club members, are the backbone of what makes this club enjoyable for a great many members. If you have an idea for a future event, please contact any one of the FVR club officers / board members listed on page two, and we can help make your idea a reality. In the coming months we will be looking to schedule events for 2016, so now would be a great time to put your ideas up for consideration.

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