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Upcoming events

Saturday, Dec. 10 - FVR Holiday Party. Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. RSVP by Dec. 4 to Gordon Skog at gord240z@live.com. See pg. 5 for details.

Gearheads Movie Night—Feb. 2 See pg. 5.

New member welcome night — Feb. 7. See pg. 5.

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Cover photo: Porsches made a statement in the parking lot of Mackinaws on Nov. 1 when region members and guests gathered for a wonderful evening of food and camaraderie.

Photo by Jimmy Haen.

Election results

I'd like to thank all of those that took the time to vote for the Board of Directors, Member of the Year and Enthusiast of the Year. The board will review the noted charities at the next Board of Directors meeting. Thank you for your input.

Election results for the 2017 Board of Directors are: Todd Benz, President; Matt Safranski, Vice President; Mary Haen, Secretary, and Jim Janes, Treasurer.

Member of the Year and Enthusiast of the Year will be announced at the Holiday Party and will be posted in the January Whaletales. Mary Haen, Secretary

From the Region President

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Hello to All,

I would like to first say how thankful our family is with being able to spend Thanksgiving with Sheila's dad and her brother's family in Columbia, South Carolina. This was even more special because we almost lost her dad three weeks earlier. But through the grace of God and many prayers, we were able to nurse AJ back to health and bring him home the day before Thanksgiving. We are truly blessed in so many ways. I hope this past Thanksgiving was a blessing for all.

With this being my last letter of 2016, I must say it's hard to believe that this year is almost over. In November, we had our annual social at Mackinaws hosted by Jim and Mary Haen. As usual, it was well attended and we had a great time. The weather here in South Carolina is in the 70's and it will be hard to come back but here's hoping that the higher than average temperatures in Wisconsin continues!

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 2017. 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.

As a reminder, our Christmas party is on Dec. 10 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!

The Editor's Desk

By Bev Jurkowski, Beverly.jurkowski@sbcglobal.net

Last month I noted I was looking for a proofreader to help ensure accuracy of this newsletter. I am happy to report that two members stepped forward — Barb Wilkinson and Craig Reich. Thanks to both for volunteering.

This issue features upcoming events, membership anniversaries, a recap of the social at Mackinaws and Bob Dean's report on his test drive of a 911S Turbo. Bob's description almost makes you feel like you are in the passenger seat of this amazing car. Almost. Thanks to Bob for the article and photos.

Thanks also to Jimmy Haen for the report on the event at Mackinaws and the photos.

The issue also features a member profile. I invite new members to tell us about themselves and their Porsche. I would like to report on any member — new or seasoned — who want to tell the story of his or her Porsche ownership. Just email me with answers to these questions: 1. Year and model of your Porsche; 2. Exterior color/interior color, and any special features; 3. How long have you owned it; 4. How did you find it; 5. What attracted you to Porsche ownership. That's it. Send a .jpg of your Porsche along with your answers.

RSVP by Dec. 4 for our holiday party Dec. 10 in Neenah

Join us for the FV Region Holiday Party Dec. 10 in Neenah.



We all know how busy things get for the holidays with commitments for a variety of activities. Be sure to lock our holiday party date on your calendar and join us. RSVP's required by Dec. 4.

The 2016 Holiday Party is hosted by Gordon Skog and Lindsay Daly. Join us to kick off the holiday season for an evening of food, beverage, camaraderie and a silent auction.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016

Location: Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk
123 East Wisconsin Ave.
Neenah, WI 54956.
Phone: 920-725-8441.

Schedule: 5-7 p.m. – Social including cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction bidding

7 - 8 p.m. – Dinner - menu to be announced

8 - 9 p.m. – Business meeting/award reception

9 p.m. – Silent Auction promptly closes with all money collected for charity

10 p.m. – Continued social time in Fan Club

Cost: \$18 per member*. Non-member or additional guests \$30 per person. (*The FVR is subsidizing the cost of the dinner.)

RSVP: Please make checks payable to FVR-PCA and send to: Jim Janes, 5866 Harbor South, P.O. Box 175, Butte des Morts, WI 54927. Include your name and the names of your guests with your check.

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!

Lodging: 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 deadline: RSVP is assumed by your nonrefundable payment sent to Jim Janes by Dec. 4, 2016. No additions or cancellations can be accepted after Dec. 4 for final planning purposes.

Questions: Any questions can be directed to Gordon Skog, gord240z@live.com



Looks like Santa is already on his way to our Holiday Party.

Photo credit: Flatsixes.com

6th Annual Fox Valley Gearheads Movie Night

Once Again! Back by Popular Demand!

The Auto Clinic of Neenah, P and B Motorsports and Fox Valley Region-Porsche Club of America invite you and your guests to the Winter Movie Night.

Thursday evening, Feb. 2, 2017

Where: UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center

Schedule: Cash Bar Social at 6 p.m. in the Thrivent Financial Lobby

Movie at 7 p.m. in Perry Hall.

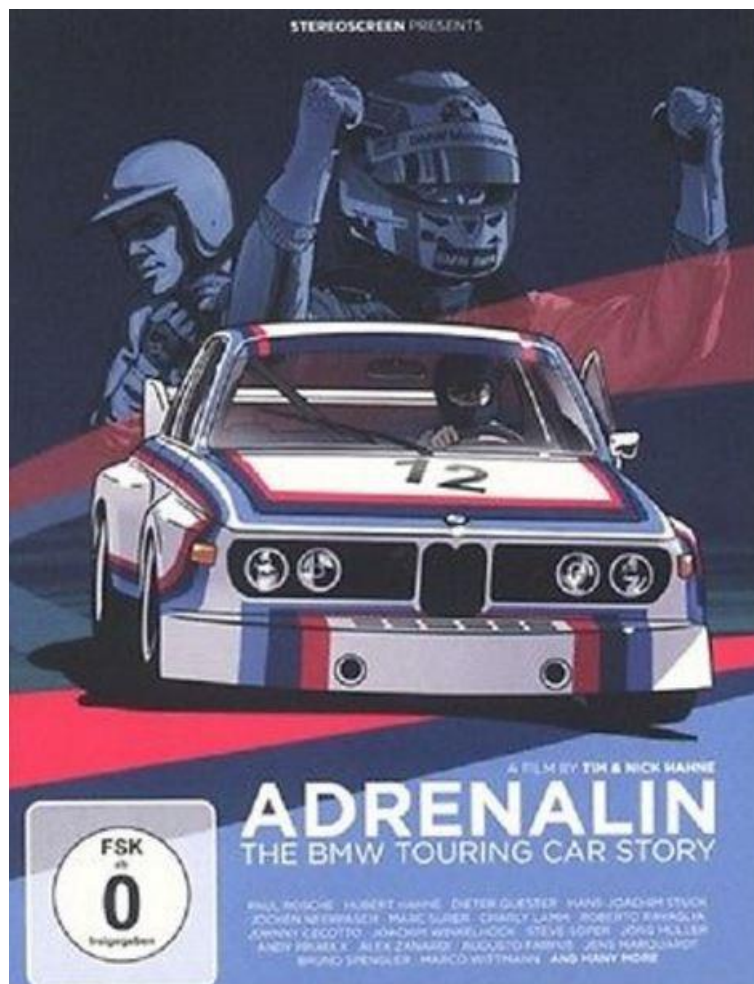
Big Screen! Great Seating!

Address: UW-Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha

RSVP: Please RSVP to James.perry@uwc.edu with the number of people who will attend.

No cost for the movie!

(Feel free to send Jim the email addresses of others who might be interested.)



Join us Feb. 7 for New Members Social Nite at the Graystone Ale House

Help us welcome some new (and maybe some old...) FVR PCA members to our club at Graystone Ale House in Green Bay area... OK, technically DePere/Ledgeview, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017.

Hopefully we'll have good weather (yes those days are coming!).

Here's the drill: We will socialize in their party room and have drinks on your dime from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m, then order off their extensive menu, and have separate bills prepared to make things EZ!

For you new people, dress is very casual, and your guest is always welcome.

We'll hear a few announcements, give away a few door prizes, and call it a night around 8-8:30 p.m.

The establishment is just south of 172 / GV so getting there from just about anywhere is pretty easy. Of course, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

RSVP to mehaen@sbcglobal.net by Feb. 2 (Groundhog day), just so we can give Mandy at Graystone an approx. head count.

Map, menu, other good stuff at <http://www.graystonealehouse.com/>



Welcome to our new members

David Schwerbel, Menasha, 2001 911 Carrera Seal Gray



Members and their Porsches

Jacob Jones drives a 2002 996. It is his first Porsche. Jacob was "a mechanic for a long time, an ASE-certified master technician for autos and medium- and heavy duty trucks. I'm now a pipefitter by trade and fabricates piping systems," he said.

"I'm 36 and am getting into Porsches. The 996 turbo is the best platform I could afford to play with. I also have other high performance toys, including high powered-diesel trucks." He noted he is interested in track days, driving classes and maybe a rally.

Congratulations to these members observing a PCA membership anniversary in December

Member(s)	Year joined	Location	Car
Gerald Wetter and Deborah Wetter	12/1/1965	Appleton WI	
David Treichel and Blake Treichel	12/1/1991	Appleton WI	1986 944
Dennis Kepchar and Heidi Kepchar	12/1/2002	Sturgeon Bay WI	2008 911 Carrera
Robert Dean and Susan Dean	12/1/2009	Green Bay WI	2004 911 Turbo Cabriolet
Michael Jurkowski and Bev Jurkowski	12/1/2011	Boulder Junction WI	1990 911 Carrera 2
Dennis Timm and Barbara Timm	12/1/2013	Cecil WI	2006 911 Carrera

Staff at Mackinaws ensured a great time for all

By Jimmy Haen

About 25 current FVR PCA members and one in progress (yup, that's you Dave!) gathered at the annual Mackinaws on Nov. 1. Some even took the scenic loop around Green Bay to get to Mackinaws after the new Hwy 41 north to 172 east exit ramps from the Valley twisted them around.

The marvelous service all evening was as warm as the fireplace.

Member and co-owner Pat Quinn and his staff once again took great care of us all. He says his staff actually asks to work the annual FVR event. Thanks Pat for treating all of us to an "on the house" terrific brownie/ice cream/raspberry dessert, and for donating a gift certificate (won by me, hurray!), and a bottle of wine won by Dee Stammes.

I think everybody had a great time. Consensus was to book again for next year. See you then!

Just a footnote: We all wish you well Dick Helstad. We missed you!



Photos by Jimmy Haen

911 RSR racer ready for 24 Hours of Daytona

Porsche will tackle the 2017 racing season with an all out newly developed GT racer. The new 911 RSR makes full use of the breadth of the Le Mans 24 Hours GT regulations, and in addition to systematic light-weight design, features the ultra-

modern, flat-six engine positioned in front of the rear axle. The extremely

light four-liter powerplant is highlighted by direct fuel injection as well as a rigid valve drive and is characterized by outstanding fuel efficiency. The new 911 RSR will make its debut at the 24 Hours of Daytona race in January 2017.

"While retaining the typical 911 design, this is the biggest evolution in the history of our top GT model," says head of Porsche Motorsport Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser. The new 911 RSR is a completely new development: the suspension, body structure, aerodynamic concept, engine and transmission have all been designed from scratch. The engine concept has enabled the designers to install a larger rear diffuser.

Combined with a top mounted rear wing adopted from Porsche's LMP1 prototype racecar, the 919 Hybrid, the level of downforce and the aerodynamic efficiency has been significantly improved.

"For the 911 RSR, we deliberately focused on a particularly modern and light normally-aspirated engine, as this gave our engineers immense latitude in developing the vehicle," explains Dr. Walliser. "Apart from that, in principle, the LM-GTE and GT Le Mans class regulations stipulate the absolute equality of various drive concepts, as the torque characteristics of turbo and normally aspirated engines are aligned."



The changeover to the new engine generation is now complete. After the 911 GT3 R and the 911 GT3 Cup, the spearhead of Porsche GT racing cars is now also powered by the same cutting-edge six-cylinder boxer engine family. Depending on the size of the restrictor the new normally aspirated unit develops approximately 510 hp (375 kW). Shift paddles on the steering wheel actuate the sequential six-speed gearbox with a magnesium housing, which delivers power to the 12.2 inch-wide rear wheels.

In the past, Porsche also thoroughly pushed the limits with the concept of the 911, for example, in 1996 with the 911 GT1. In 1998, the 911 GT1 achieved the 16th overall victory for Porsche at the Le Mans 24-hour race.

For the first time, a Porsche GT racecar features state-of-the-art assistance systems. The new 911 RSR is equipped with a radar-supported collision warning system, the popularly-called "Collision Avoidance System." Even in the dark, the faster prototypes are detected early enough that misunderstandings can be avoided. A new safety cage concept and a new, rigidly mounted racing seat enhance driver safety.

With the seat fixed to the chassis, the pedals can now be moved and adjusted to fit the driver.

The new 911 RSR's serviceability has also been significantly improved. Entire elements of the carbon-fiber body can be completely exchanged in a very short time thanks to clever quick-release fasteners. Moreover, changes to the suspension setup can be performed much more quickly and easily.

In the 2017 season, the factory is expected to run the new 911 RSR at 19 outings equating to more than 140 hours of racing. With two factory-entries, Porsche will tackle the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) including the 24 Hours of Le Mans as well as the North American IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The new racer will celebrate its debut under the toughest conditions at the IMSA season opener in Daytona on Jan. 28-29.

The Common View

by Robert Dean (PCA Member since 2009)

I test drove a Carrera White Metallic, 2017 911 Carrera S Cabriolet (Gen 2 991) in late October. This was my first test drive of the new 911 with a turbo platform. For me,

the 911 is the iconic pinnacle of sports car aesthetic and performance. I was curious how the new platform would compare to the driving experience of the normally aspirated 911's.

In short, the modern look of the latest incarnation of the 911 is sleek, the ride is very comfortable and the drive is of the quality we have come to expect from the flagship Porsche. It is well worth a look.

As tested, the 911 S Cab had the following options:

- Cabriolet roof in Black
- Black interior
- 3.0 liter, twin-turbocharged flat-six aluminum engine
- 420 hp at 6500 rpm / 368 lb.-ft of torque at 1700 – 5000 rpm.
- Double overhead cams / Four valves per cylinder
- Direct Fuel Injection
- 7-speed manual transmission with dual-mass fly-wheel (PDK shift with paddle shift option)
- LED Daytime running lights
- Lane Change Assist
- Heated and Ventilated Seats
- Sport Exhaust System
- Porsche Stability Management (PSM)
- Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM)



- 22 MPG in the city and 28 MPG on the highway
- 20-inch Carrera Sport wheels in black
- Brakes containing 6-piston (front) 4-piston (rear) aluminum monoblock fixed calipers in Red
- Instrument dials in White

As tested the 911 Carrera S Cabriolet has an MSRP of \$137,795.00.

The visual aesthetic of the 911 Carrera S cab is modern and sleek. But it maintains the unmistakable 911 curves and the quintessential visual lines. The cab roof is very sturdy and opens/closes quickly and efficiently. The quality of the soft top makes one think it would work just fine even (dare I say it) in the winter months. When the top is dropped down, the wind deflector pops up and has a modern look to it as well.

The LED daytime running lights are very nice to have and add a safety value to them and visual quality. The headlights also have a circular ring lighting that encompasses the outer circumference of them. It adds a Porsche quality and style to the lighting systems.



The seats are very comfortable, and the elevated PDK shifter makes it easy to put into gear. The paddle shifters provide the option to

change gears on your own. The rest of the control buttons for the options and stereo equipment are easy to reach and situated where one would expect them to be. The evolution of the stereo / onboard computer

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system is readily apparent and causes the driver (or passenger more aptly) to want to explore the options. The sound quality of the stereo system causes some conflict between wanting to listen to your favorite songs or the music of the 911 engine.

The 911 S was equipped with sport exhaust, which adds a heavier tone to the engine notes. But as on other Porsche models, the sport exhaust is never overdone. Even when turned off, the exhaust notes of the 911 make the driver aware of the power of the engine and car at your fingertips and right foot.

The acceleration of the 911 S is blazing quick and constant. There is no turbo lag. The handling is responsive and intuitive. The brakes were fantastic, as expected. Despite the many systems the 911 uses to 'assist' the driver in handling turns and curves with speed and confidence, the experience remains entirely personal.

The ride in the 911 S is smooth and very comfortable. Though it was cool on the day I tested the car, I was still tempted (but didn't) drive with the top down. This is a sports car that I could see driving across country with my family to attend Parade or other PCA event in comfort and style. As in every other Porsche I have tested (or

owned) I never wanted the drive to come to an end. The car calls back to you to climb back in and enjoy the ride!

A special thanks to Shane Hecker, a Porsche brand representative at Bergstrom Premier Motorcars, in Appleton, Wisconsin for providing access to the Porsche reviewed for this article.



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