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Upcoming events

Gearheads Movie Night — Feb. 2 See pg. 4.

New member welcome night — Feb. 7 See pg. 4.

PCA DE Instructor training and two-day DE
April 28 – 30. Hosted by Central Indiana Region.
Details online at http://cirpca.org/GETTHEINSIDETRACK/CALENDAR/CIRCcalendar/tabid/885/ctl/Details/Mid/2203/ItemID/1815/Default.aspx?ContainerSrc=%5BG%5DContainers/_default/No+Container

DE at Road America — Aug. 18. Hosted by Milwaukee Region.

The Milwaukee Region also will be hosting two **autocross events** in 2017. Fox Valley Region members are welcome to participate. Details to come.

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About the cover photo

Driving Porsches on ice can be exhilarating. Learn more at <https://www.belowzeroicedriving.com/>

We would rather run photos of members' Porsches on our front cover. Send your photo (.jpg) of your Porsche, in **vertical** format, to the editor: Beverly.jurkowski@sbcglobal.net

From the Region President

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Hello to All,

As I write this letter on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, I am fortunate to be where it is warm and sunny in Tampa, Fla. I am attending a business conference and I understand that it is snowing in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, my wife and son were not able to come along with me. After I booked my trip, I realized that the Daytona Rolex 24 is being held Jan. 26 – 29. Knowing this, I thought it would be a great idea to go but I didn't want to go alone so I surprised my son and told him that I would take him to it. Justin will be flying down to Tampa on Friday and we will drive over to Daytona for Saturday and Sunday. We should have a great time and next month I will let you know how it turns out.

I hope all of you have had a great and safe New Year's Celebration. It has been a slow, cold, rainy and now snowy start to our 2017 calendar of events, but we're ready to get things revved up in February! First, we have the 6th Annual Fox Valley Gearheads Movie Night at UW-Fox Valley Communication Arts Center on Thursday, Feb. 2. This is sponsored by Jim Perry from P and B Motorsports. Movie starts at 7 p.m. with a cash bar and social starting at 6 p.m. in the Thrivent Financial Lobby.

For our next outing, we will be having our New Member Get-Together on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at Graystone Ale House in De Pere. This a special event and an opportunity for our new members to get to know each other as well as other well-seasoned members. Be sure to check in this month's newsletter for further details. Hopefully we have a great turn out for these two events to get everyone thinking about spring.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Jack Stephensen as our new Zone 13 Rep. Jack replaces James Jacisin and is a member of the Chicago Region. He has been a member for a number of years. I am hoping we can get him to one of our events this year so he can meet all of the great people that we have in our region.

In closing, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the board if you have an idea on an event that you would like to see or if you feel that you may want to host an event. If you're not quite sure what to do to get started, we would love to help you out. Remember, it's not just about cars, it's the people.

Happy and safe motoring!

The Editor's Desk

By Bev Jurkowski, beverly.jurkowski@sbcglobal.net

Bob Dean's account of spotting Porsches in China reminded me of my days in the corporate world. Business travel took me to large cities across the U.S., and often to California where Porsches were seen daily. My head was constantly turning.

In the early days of my infatuation with Porsche I was in L.A. for a commercial shoot. I was the public relations manager for the Meister Brau brand and we were shooting a TV commercial starring George Wendt – "Norm" on the Cheers TV series. The year was 1987.

A Bitter Chocolate 1976 912E with the "soft" rear window was parked among the vehicles at the shoot. (It looked like the car in the picture at right; this isn't the car I saw in L.A.) I don't remember much about that commercial but can still vividly recall that Porsche. I asked around as to the owner and learned the owner was on the set, working as a makeup artist for the production company.

I introduced myself and discovered the artist was former Mouseketeer Cubby, from the mid-1950s Mickey Mouse Club program. He was still in show business but no longer in front of the camera.

Enjoy Bob's article. And, think Spring. We all look forward to better days ahead when the Cabs, Boxsters, Targas and Porsches with sun roofs can roam the roads.



6th Annual Fox Valley Gearheads Movie Night Feb. 2

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.

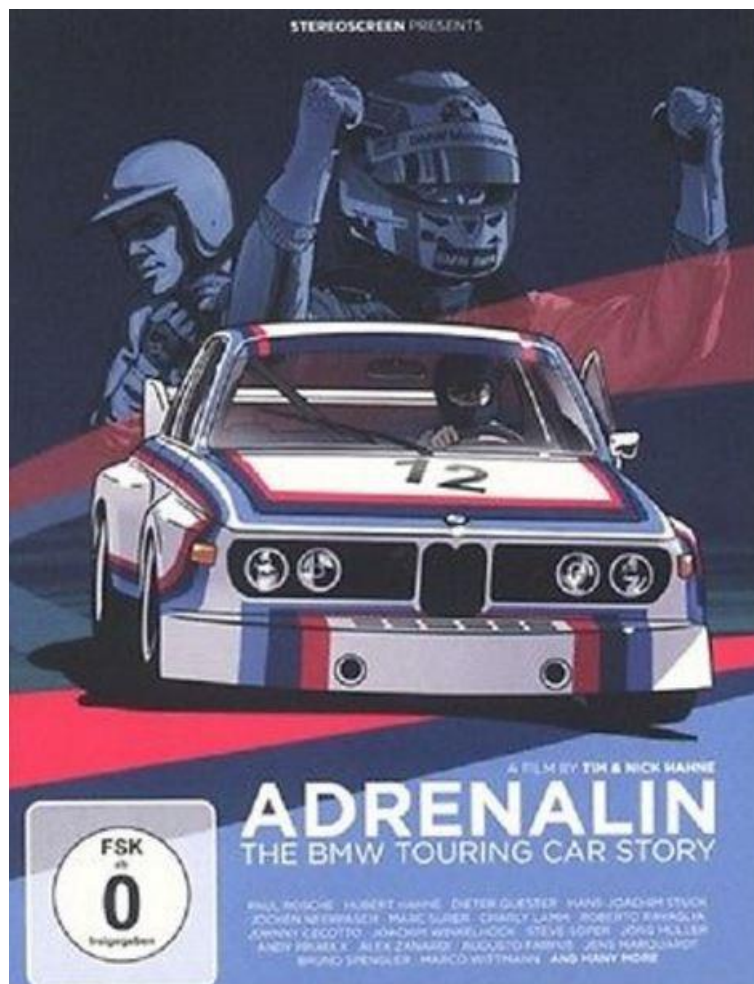
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Address: UW-Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha

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.

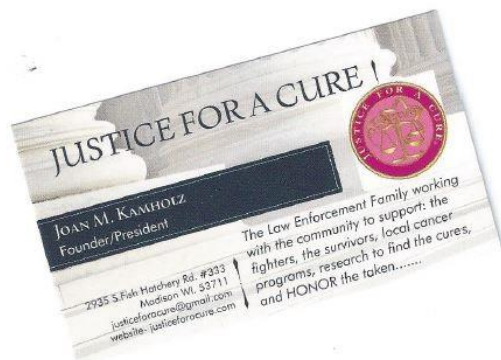
We'll hear a few announcements, give away a few door prizes, and call it a night around 8-8:30 p.m.

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/>





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JOAN

We received a thank you from Joan Kamholz, founder and president of Justice for a Cure, Justice for a Cure, a nonprofit organization, in memory of Dane County Deputy Bill McGowan, brother of Ann Taylor and brother-in-law of Al Taylor, region webmaster. Deputy William (Bill) McGowan lost his four-year fight with cancer in November.

Congratulations to these members observing a PCA membership anniversary in February

Member(s)	Year joined	Location	Car
Mark and Maureen Wallenfang	2/1/1989	Appleton WI	1984 911 Carrera
Gary and Holly Rosenbeck	2/1/2003	Sherwood WI	1997 911 Carrera
Tal and Keri Sellers	2/1/2005	Neenah WI	2002 911 Carrera
Mike Stewart	2/1/2010	New Holstein WI	1968 912
Steven and Beth Groddy	2/1/2015	Manitowoc WI	2015 Cayman
John Apps	2/1/2016	Green Bay WI	2000 911 Carrera Cabriolet
Darvin and Becca Kuehl	2/1/2016	Marquette MI	2001 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet

The Common View.....by Robert Dean

One of the items on my bucket list is to travel to Germany to visit the Porsche Museum and production facilities. I haven't done it yet, but look forward to it someday. I have traveled a few other places in Europe, Mexico and Canada over the years.

Being a car guy, I am always fascinated to observe the types of cars driven in the areas visited.

When I made a pilgrimage to LeMans in 2014, I stopped in one of the French towns to take a picture of a new Citroen crossover / wagon that was for sale at a dealership. It had a pineapple textured greenish exterior. The local townspeople were probably amused by my expression. To me it looked like some kind of alien craft. My wife has always been kind in allowing me to explore both the towns we visit and the automobiles favored by the people in those areas.

In December, 2016, we traveled to Guangzhou, China. It is located in southern China, in Guangdong province, about two hours north of Hong Kong. (Incidentally it is the native city of the martial arts guru, the late Bruce Lee.) We flew into Hong Kong and had a driver take us to Guangzhou. Along the way, I explained to my wife that I probably could have rented a car myself and made the trek more economically. Then I learned how wrong such a move would have been.

First, in Hong Kong, they drive on the left side of the road, harkening back to the era of being a British colony. Though Britain ceded control of Hong Kong to China in 1997, driving on the left side of the road is still the rule. Part of the agreement between Britain



and China in essentially handing over Hong Kong, was that the laws and economic system are to remain the same for 50 years, post 1997. After that period of time, China's laws and economic system essentially take over. I'm not certain if that will entail driving on the right side of the road. However, after crossing into China from Hong Kong,

the rules of the road in China do require separate license plates and driving on the right side of the road.

The highways in China are in very good repair. They are smooth and marked clearly with signs, similar to other countries. Unfortunately, my Mandarin is very limited and the signs were in Mandarin, but for the numbers which are the same as in the US. A few of the signs had English underneath the written Mandarin. But that was not always the case. Thus, if I had driven myself, I would have been lost in no time.

Another problem if I had tried to handle the driving on my own is the amount of traffic. Some of the cities in China are so large that traffic in them is very slow, similar to driving in Milwaukee, Chicago, NYC or L.A. The population of Guangzhou is 13.5 million people, roughly twice the size of NYC. Our guide in China explained that five to ten years ago, nobody had cars. He insisted you could race a car at speed (until caught by the police) without risk of seeing many other cars on the highways. However, since China's economy grew so quickly in the past decade, the growing middle class wanted to drive cars. The auto industry (including Porsche) has gladly responded and filled the demand.

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Porsches abundant in China

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Driving into Guangzhou in the middle of the night, I could only see some general car shapes on the highway, without much in terms of identifying the make or model. I also saw many different cargo trucks that looked like they were for commercial or military use. It appeared that electricity was available in the smaller passing towns, but was not used the same way as in America, based on how dark it appeared. Most of the visible light besides the highway lights were in the high rises that had large red mandarin character signs on the top of each building to identify the specific tower.

In the following days, I was able to travel around the narrow city streets of Guangzhou. Crossing the streets can be dangerous as pedestrians do not have the right of way, even if crossing with the stop lights. Mopeds of all kinds were everywhere, especially in towns west of Guangzhou, close to the border with Vietnam. Aside from mopeds and some amount of motorcycles were myriad makes of cars.

The makes and models of the cars were eclectic: Buick, Ford, VW, Audi, Honda, Citroen. And I saw many, many Porsches. Macans, Cayennes and yes 911s.

I snapped a few pictures of a yellow 911 (991) Carrera S, complete with what appeared to be Martini livery. The narrow streets with small shops and many kinds of peddlers seemed very quaint. The 911 stood out in stark modern contrast compared to the passers by walking or riding old bicycles. Yet the classic styling of the 911 fit in with its surroundings. It was very interesting to look at while taking in the rest of the scene.



On the highways, we saw lots of Macans and Cayennes. They were typically speeding by us in the left lane (safely of course). But clearly the Porsche brand has a solid presence in the southern part of China in the towns we visited during our two week stay. With its tremendous population base, I can see why Porsche has branded itself in China.

Enjoy the ride!

Alegre Motorsports' Porsche captures GT Daytona Class at Rolex 24 at Daytona

Alegre Motorsports marked their return to the Rolex 24 at Daytona with victory in the GT Daytona class, 10 years on from the team's victory in the 2007 race.

The No. 28 Porsche 911 GT3 R driven by Michael Christensen, Daniel Morad, Jesse Lazare, Carlos de Quesada and 17-year-old Michael de Quesada edged out the No. 29 Land Motorsport Audi R8 LMS of Christopher Mies, Connor De Philippi, Jules Gounon and Jeffrey Schmidt by 0.293 seconds.

Porsche factory driver Christensen took the lead at the final round of pitstops under the 20th of 21 full-course caution periods, when the Land Audi was slow to refuel.

After re-joining in fourth, Mies quickly picked his way back into second, but could not get close enough to mount a challenge on Christensen, the Dane only emerging as a contender for victory in the final two hours.

The Alegre Porsche had spent much of the race just off the lead lap, but took advantage of a yellow when Sam Bird's class-leading No. 63 Scuderia Corsa Ferrari 488 GT3 retired with engine failure with two hours to go to put themselves in the frame.

Photo: Jake Galstad, LAT Photo USA



PCA's Treffen offers Parade-like experience

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The inaugural Treffen Lake Tahoe was Sept. 7-11, 2016, at the Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley, California.

The first springtime event is Treffen Hill Country set for

March 29 – April 2, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort outside of Austin, Texas. The Hill Country Region is our partner for this groundbreaking event.

This arrangement between Treffen and the regions has already achieved the desired results for PCA as the newly formed Appalachia Region, with less than 200 mem-

bers, is set to cohost Treffen Asheville over September 20-24, 2017. Their region includes what are arguably some of the best driving roads in eastern America and a historic four-star resort: the Omni Grove Park Inn.

Working in partnership with local regions, PCA National negotiates and holds all contracts; develops, operates and maintains the website; promotes the event, arranges sponsorships, orders collateral materials, and handles registration. These tasks, and their associated financial exposure, have been the greatest challenge to regions that produced an Escape in the past. Under the Treffen model, the regions are left to do what they know best: find the best driving roads, local attractions and lead the drives to those venues.

This website contains information on the resorts and destinations. Registration for the various Treffens will open approximately four months prior to the event. Space is limited and each of these spectacular events will sell out.

<http://treffen.pca.org/index.cfm?event=main.showabout>



Meet the refreshed 911 GTS

Meet Porsche's new 3.0L turbocharged engines for its 911 range of machines. At the Detroit Auto Show Porsche revealed the refreshed 911 GTS in five variants: Coupe and Cabriolet models in both RWD and AWD as well as a new Targa.

The 3.0L turbocharged flat-six engine is tweaked to 450 horsepower and 405 lb-ft of torque, an increase of 30 hp

and 37 pounds of twist over the current 911 S. The new 911 will hit 60 mph in as little as 3.4 seconds with a reported top speed of 193 mph. The 911 S needs 4.1 seconds to hit 60 and a 191 mph top speed.

In addition to more power, Porsche has added a new Sport Design nose with black lip accent, 20-inch center-lock wheels painted satin black, tinted rear lights, and new black trim piece on the rear. The GTS logos are also black. Along with these changes, the GTS comes standard with the Sport Design mirrors and the Sports Exhaust package, with black tips of course. If you get the Targa model, you also get a black painted Targa bar.

Ready to purchase? Pricing starts at \$119,000 for the GTS coupe and moves up from there. Porsche is currently taking orders and planning to start delivering in the U.S. in April.

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