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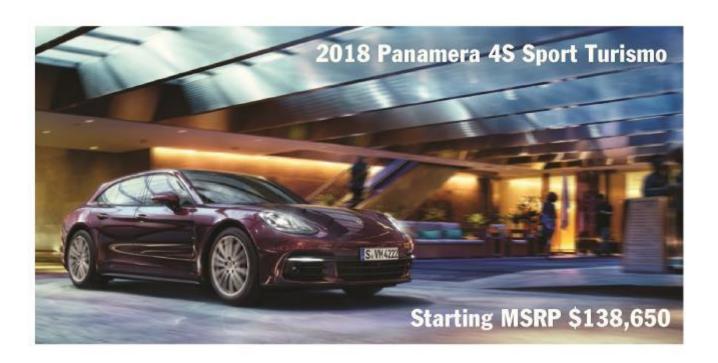


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# What's happening

## Join fellow region members and friends for these events:

#### October

Oct. 6 — Fall color driving tour in Door County. See page 7.

http://fv.pca.org/event/fall-color-driving-tour-in-beautiful-door-county/?instance\_id=115

Oct. 20 — Board meeting. At the Benz residence prior to the chili and bonfire.

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Oct. 20 — Chili and bonfire hosted by the Benz family. See page 9.

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#### November

Nov. 6 — Mackinaw's Grill and Spirits. See page 6.

http://fv.pca.org/event/annual-mackinaws-dinner-night/?instance\_id=99

#### December

**Dec. 15 — Holiday Party,** Radisson, Green Bay. Saturday, Dec. 15 is the date for the FVR-PCA Holiday Party. The party will be held at the Radisson in Green Bay as it was last year. If you would like to reserve a room you can do so by calling 920-494-7300 and requesting a room in the block for Fox Valley Porsche Club. We will again hold a silent auction during the party. If you have any auction items to donate you can contact Dee Stamnes with a list of the items you will bringing for the auction. If you have any ideas you would like incorporated into the party, please get in touch with Dee with your suggestions. Let Dee know if you are interested in an Ugly Sweater Contest for a little something different! <a href="mailto:dstamnes@netnet.net">dstamnes@netnet.net</a> <a href="http://fv.pca.org/event/fox-valley-region-holiday-party/?instance\_id=114">dstamnes@netnet.net</a>



"He spoils his Porsche so much he makes me wear a tux when I do the maintenance on it."



# President's message

Can you believe that it is already October? I can't! September has flown by along with the rest of the year. With the last long summer weekend behind us and the kids back to school, I hope everyone enjoyed their long Labor Day weekend with their families and friends and did some really cool things.

As I am writing this letter, a buddy and I are sitting in the Atlanta airport on our way to Stuttgart, Germany. We will be attending the annual Octoberfest in Munich, traveling the country side, meeting up with some friends and going to the Porsche factory for the "mustdo" factory tour. I should have lots of great memories to share with everyone. Special thanks to my wife, Sheila, for holding down the fort at home and allowing us boys to have our adventure. Our son, Justin, is still really bummed about not going along, but a little thing called "Senior Year" is keeping him at home. Hopefully one day we can take our own European vacation together!

The Fox Valley Region enjoyed their picnic at Turn 5 at Road America courtesy of the Chicago Region. We had a great turn out with an unexpected bonus of a large tent left from the prior weekend. It was well appreciated since we did get a little rain during the cook out. We once again had the drive to Siebkens Resort on the "Old Road Course" with the race cars leading the way and a police escort to help with traffic control.

We have a few upcoming events early in October. Connor Kepchar will be leading our Door County Fall Driving tour on Saturday, Oct. 6. We will be starting in Sturgeon Bay and traveling the western and eastern sides of the Door Peninsula. More details in the newsletter.

My wife Sheila, our son Justin and I will be hosting the annual Chili and bonfire social at our house on Oct. 20. We will have our Board Meeting prior to, starting promptly at 2 p.m., with the social to start around 4 and concluding at ?? Rain or shine, please come and enjoy great chili and weather permitting a HUGE bonfire. Additional information is in the newsletter.

I would like to ask all our members that if you have an interesting story, event or experience that you would like to share, please send it to whaletalesFRV@gmail.com by the 20th of each month and we will try to include it in the next edition of the newsletter for all to enjoy.

In closing, I just want to say thanks to everyone who has hosted an event or who has participated in one of our events that make it so much fun. As we always say in our club, "It's not just the cars, it's the people that make this club so great!"

Happy and safe motoring!

Todd Benz, President Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America Cell 920-217-9564

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# Editor's message

As you page through the rest of this issue you will notice some layout changes that I have incorporated. I did this in response to feedback that I received when I entered the 2018 newsletter contest. I had to submit two issues from 2017. The awards were announced at Parade in Missouri this past July.

I learned that we took third place among regions our size. Todd Benz was at Parade and accepted the award for me. I am happy of course to have won anything but disappointed that I dropped down a place from the previous contest when we took second place. Some of the comments from the judges have been incorporated in this issue. For example, they

want links to more details where possible. You will see that in the calendar of events page. Does this help you?

You will also see that I call out some of the content with photos that also include the page numbers of the articles. See page 2. Like? The contest criteria also called for motorsport news so I will be adding that as well. The criteria also awards points for showing members and their cars. I need your photos! I have more work to do. In the meantime, let me know what other changes you suggest.

Beverly Jurkowski Email: Beverly.jurkowski@sbcglobal.net 2016 Macan S/2016 Cayenne Diesel

# Social events

## Holiday party Dec. 15

All region members and guests are invited to the Holiday party, Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center 2040 Airport Dr Ashwaubenon, WI 54313

The fun begins at 5 p.m. and will wrap up at 10 p.m. It may not actually wrap up then as some participants will adjourn to one of the refreshment areas in this large complex that includes a casino.

A block of rooms has been set aside at a favorable rate for members. If you would like to reserve a room you can do so by calling 920-494-7300 and requesting a room in the block for Fox Valley Porsche Club. We will again hold a silent auction during the party. If you have any auction items to donate you can contact Dee Stamnes with a list of the items you will bringing for the auction. If you have any ideas you would like incorporated into the party, please get in touch with Dee with your suggestions. Let Dee know if you are interested in an Ugly Sweater Contest for a little something different! dstamnes@netnet.net

The party will include a buffet dinner, a silent auction (bid early and often for some of Barb Pankratz's chocolate chip cookies) and lots of time for camaraderie.

The Packers are not in town this weekend so no traffic or lodging hassles.

Attire: Casual or holiday finery or an ugly holiday sweater.





# Mackinaw's dinner and social Nov. 6 — RSVP by 10/31

Date: Nov. 6

Time: 5 p.m. social; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us Nov. 6 at Mackinaw's Grill & Spirits in Green Bay for dinner and social time. We'll gather between 5 and 6:30 p.m. in our own dining room for some conversation and sharing of stories with dinner from the menu at 6:30 p.m.

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 <a href="http://www.mackinaws.com">http://www.mackinaws.com</a>. (Jimmy highly recommends the Elk Stroganoff.)

The hospitality of fellow member and 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 Oct. 31 so we have a head count for adequate seating. We hope to see you there!

# Touring events — Fall Tour

## Fall color driving tour Oct. 6

Please join the fun on Oct. 6, 2018 and drive along beautiful Bay of Green Bay to the tip of Door County, Gills Rock, where we will have lunch and take in the breathtaking fall colors.

After lunch, we will head south along Lake Michigan to Stone's Throw Winery for a wine tasting and afterward stop at Cave Point State Park where we will conclude the tour. The day event will be approximately 8 hours in length.

Connor Kepchar, PCA Member since 2003, from Sturgeon Bay, has graciously volunteered to host this event and has worked hard to put together the details with help from board members, Todd Benz and Dan Pankratz.

Please RSVP by Oct. 4 to Connor at <a href="mailto:connorkepchar@gmail.com">connorkepchar@gmail.com</a>

Tour details: Meet at GLAS Coffeehouse in Sturgeon Bay by 10 a.m. – Mandatory Drivers' Meeting at 10:15 a.m.



Leave Sturgeon Bay by 10:30 a.m. and head up Bay Shore Drive through Egg Harbor, Fish Creek and Sister Bay on our way to Gills Rock. Lunch at the Shoreline Restaurant in Gills Rock from Noon-2 p.m. with time for site seeing nearby .

Drive on Cty. Q to Stone's Throw Winery and wine tasting from 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Drive to Cave Point County Park and enjoying the

park at your leisure from 4:30 p.m.-???

The driving tour will end at Cave Point so you are free to take as much or as little

time at the park as you wish or head off on another adventure.

Please RSVP by Oct. 4 to Connor at connorkepchar@gmail.com

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# Membership news

## Welcome new members

Mark Young, Neenah 2011 911 Carrera 4S

Andrew Ziegert of Neenah drives a 2017 911 Carrera Jet Black Metallic over a black interior. He has owned it since August 2018. He bought it from Porsche of the Fox Valley (Bergstrom). "I have been attracted to German cars for many years, particularly Porsche. I have dreamed of owning a 911 since I was a boy, racing my Silver 930 Matchbox car up and down the back of our couch! I love having a car which is uncompromisingly centered around the driver."

**Searl Pickett,** Appleton 2018 718 Cayman Black



Andrew Ziegert drives this 2017 911 Carrera

## October membership anniversaries

Congratulations to these members who are observing a PCA membership anniversary in October. This data is pulled from pca.org. Be sure your data, including your email and snail mail addresses are up to date, as well as information about your current Porsche.

| Members                        | Year joined | Location       | Year/model          |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 20 years                       | •           |                | -                   |
| Scott and Kelly Quinn          | 1998        | Neenah WI      | 1980 924            |
| Larry and Pat Rogers           | 1998        | Appleton WI    | 1986 928S           |
| 10 years                       |             |                |                     |
| David and Linda Kirk           | 2008        | Fond Du Lac WI | 1988 911 Carrera    |
| 5 years                        |             |                |                     |
| Mark and Jeanne Richards       | 2013        | Appleton WI    | 2013 Panamera 4S    |
| Shaun and Deanne Stamnes       | 2013        | Sobieski WI    | 2003 Boxster        |
|                                |             |                |                     |
| Larry and Mary Bergner         | 2002        | Two Rivers WI  | 1977 911            |
| Gary Buyeske                   | 2017        | Sobieski WI    | 2014 Cayman S       |
| William Calkins                | 2014        | Ephraim WI     | 2017 Panamera       |
| Robert Geiser                  | 2010        | Sussex WI      | 2017 Macan          |
| Joseph and Peggy Homel         | 1991        | De Pere WI     | 1997 911 Turbo      |
| JoachimLoeffler & Angela Juers | gens 1996   | Appleton WI    | 2006 Cayenne        |
| John and Charmaine Luczak      | 1991        | Fond Du Lac WI | 1986 944            |
| John Mathys and Diane Holsch   | uh 2014     | De Pere WI     | 2007 911 Carrera 4S |
| Dan and Barb Pankratz          | 1967        | Manitowoc WI   | 1967 912            |
| Ronald and Kevin Possell       | 1989        | Menasha WI     | 1999 911 Carrera    |

## Motorsports news



# Porsche wins championship title in the ADAC GT Masters

A great achievement for the Porsche customer team Precote Herberth Motorsport: In a turbulent final race at the Hockenheimring, the Porsche Young Professional Mathieu Jaminet and Robert Renauer celebrated the championship title in the ADAC GT Masters.



# PCA Fall Social at the Benz's





We invite all Fox Valley Region PCA members and their families for a Chili and Bonfire social on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 4 p.m. to ??

FVR-PCA Board meeting will precede the social gathering and will convene promptly at 2 p.m. We provide the chili, fixings, snacks, Smores, water and coffee. You provide your own soda or adult beverage.



Our bonfire pit is located a short walk through the woods on our property so we ask that each member also bring chairs to sit next to the fire and proper footwear for walking to and from the fire pit area.

All members are encouraged to bring their Porsches, weather permitting. We have a long driveway where we can line up the cars along both sides of the driveway and hopefully get a great picture for the newsletter.

In the event of poor weather conditions, we will gather in our bar/game area or garage.

**Please RSVP** to <u>tbenz@onesourcetech.net</u> no later than Oct. 17.

**Benz' Residence**, 5571 River Oaks Drive, DePere, WI 54115



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#### **ROAD CONDITIONS TO NOTE:**

HWY ZZ is closed between Partridge Rd and Wrightstown Rd along the Fox River until Spring 2019 or later.

Wrightstown Road has been chip-sealed this summer and still has some loose stones.

HWY ZZ close to HWY 57 has been closed for bridge construction but may open by 10/20/18. See directions below.

**Directions from Appleton:** Take 41 North to Hwy J exit in Kaukauna. Turn right on Hwy J and follow toward-Kaukauna. Turn left at 1st 4-way stop. Turn right at stop sign and go across Railroad Tracks. At stop sign, turn left onto Hwy 96 toward Wrightstown. Stay on Hwy 96

thru Wrightstown until you come to the Roundabout. Take the 1st turn on the Roundabout and follow Hwy 96 across the new bridge to the next Roundabout. Take the 1st turn on the Roundabout and follow Hwy 96 all the way through Wrightstown past the Wrightstown High School. Stay on Hwy 96 until you reach the Roundabout at Hwy 57. Take the 3rd turn off the Roundabout to follow Hwy 57 North toward DePere.

HWY ZZ has been closed for most of the summer as they are building a new bridge over the East River. We hope that it will be open in time for the social.

If so, follow the directions below:

Look for Hwy ZZ on the left about ¼ mile past the Just Stop Inn. Turn left on Hwy ZZ. Go about ¼ mile to River Oaks Drive. Turn left on River Oaks Drive. Stay on River Oaks as it curves through the neighborhood. Look for Southern Style House with Big Front Porch (#5571)

**Directions from Green Bay:** Take Riverside Drive/Hwy 57 South thru De Pere. Road splits just past Shell station - be sure to stay to the right on Hwy 57. Stay on Hwy 57 about 5 miles past Gold Dust Dairy on the left.

HWY ZZ has been closed for most of the summer as they are building a new bridge over the East River.

We hope that it will be open in time for the social. If so, follow the directions below:

Look for Hwy ZZ on the right just past Apple Valley Orchard. Turn right on Hwy ZZ and go about 1/4 mile to River Oaks Drive. Turn left on River Oaks Drive. Stay on River Oaks as it curves through the neighborhood. Look for Southern Style House with Big Front Porch (#5571)

**Directions from 57 South:** Take 57 North from Greenleaf. HWY ZZ has been closed for most of the summer as they are building a new bridge over the East River. We hope that it will be open in time for the social. If so, follow the directions below:

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Call us if you have any problems. Todd (920) 217-0231 Sheila (920) 217-0231.

Google map: https://www.google.com/maps/dir//5571+River+Oaks+Dr,+De+Pere,+WI+54115/

## Tech tips



By **Dan Pankratz**, Tech chair

## Refueling your vehicle

Eliminate that unwanted MIL (Malfunction Indicator Lamp) aka, "Check Engine Light."

Once your refueling has ended the pump will click off. When that happens, resist the urge to continue clicking the lever in an attempt to put more fuel in your tank or "round off" the gallons or price.

By continuing to add fuel, you've left no room for fuel expansion. When the fuel expands it is forced into your emissions charcoal canister, which is designed to handle vapors only, not liquid fuel. Once the raw fuel overwhelms the emission system's ability to remove vapors, on comes the MIL. At the least you will have to have the "Light" cleared or possibly have the canister replaced.

Another common cause of MIL coming on during the fueling process is a loose gas cap. Your fuel system is pressurized with a few PSI, which is monitored via sensor and a loose gas cap will cause a "light," along with a corresponding emission "code."

Occasionally inspect the gas cap O-ring for nicks, wear or debris. Rub a dab of clean engine oil or light grease on the O-ring to keep it supple but do not use silicone grease; silicone grease will not dissolve in your fuel system and could lead to problems.

Keep your cap tight!



#### Call for FVR Nominations for 2019 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 year's Board of Directors. Are you tired of hearing from the same secretary for the past 20 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 the 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

# An award-winning 944 Turbo S with an interesting story

Last month's Whaletales cover photo (unbeknownst to the editor) from the 2018 Show & Glow Paddock, which was on the same show field as the Milwaukee Concours, included Fox Valley region member Greg Rigoni's 944 Turbo S. Region member Bob Burress informed me, the editor, that Greg's car was part of the line-up of Porsches in the photo. Subsequently, I asked Greg to tell us more about his car, which won a ribbon for being outstanding in the class of Porsches. There were several dozen Porsches in the group so his award is truly noteworthy. Here is Greg's story.

"I always wanted to go to the Milwaukee Concours. So I called a friend Bob Burress and he agreed to join me at the car show. I planned to enter the Show & Glow just to get in early and the discount for two tickets was too much to pass up. I never thought my car would win anything as it is driven in rain, sun, whatever. It is a car not a shrine and it has 158,000 miles on it and there were a lot of other cars that were a lot newer and all were really nice. How my car won the green ribbon -- outstanding in class-- is still a mystery to me.

"Many years ago two friends of mine bought two Porsches, one a 924 turbo the other a 944. both in Guards Red. They didn't take care of their cars nor the loans and the bank took both of them. Fast forward 10 years. I am driving past a bank in Iron Mountain and in the parking lot is a Guards Red 1985.5 944 with a for sale sign in the window. This was not one of the repossessed cars my two friends owned. I asked about the car at the bank and they told me I had to bid on it as the bank took the car back from the owner. I couldn't drive it, I couldn't start it. I could just look at it. What a risk-- no prepurchase inspection, no nothing, so I asked my 10 year old son at the time how much money he had as we would buy the car together. He had \$5. So I added some of my money to the bid and submitted it.

Well, we became Porsche owners that day. The car was an automatic and I had to do about \$1,500 worth of repairs including front seals, water pump, etc. but that was about it.

"I drove the car for many years until at a outdoor music concert in Kingsford I met a member of the Milwaukee region, PCA. We started talking cars and he said the 944 I really want is the 944 Turbo S as that is the ultimate 944.

"In 1999, one of my co-workers was a going to Tulsa, Okla., to visit her daughter. As a joke I told her to find me the 944 turbo s. She did. She went car hunting and called me to say she found my car. I thought she was just kidding me. She took pictures of the car and when she returned to work the next week showed them to me. This was way before cell phones with cameras. I made the deal over the phone but wanted to have the car checked out first. The good fortune for me was the foremost 944 expert is Tom Charlesworth and his shop is in Tulsa. He looked over the car before I got there to drive it home. A friend and I got into a car at 5 a.m. in Kingsford, Mich., and at 9 p.m. we had the car and were having dinner in Tulsa. The next day the car was back in my garage in Michigan.

"The car has never been shown in any show as I drive it and never thought it was worth putting in any show. I still don't think it is a show car. It is just well taken care of.

"Only about 700 944 Turbo S were made between 1988 and 1989 as the car was a mid-year upgrade and then they made the '89 which was the exact same car minus the S designation. Mine is one of 55 in the world this color--maraschino red metallic.





# **Event reports**

## Picnic at the track

Region members and friends gathered on Sept. 1 at Turn 5 at Road America for a picnic. The event occurred during the Chicago region's Club Race weekend. Thanks to **Tom Robl** for coordinating the event and for the picnic pictures. Other photos (courtesy of Chicago Region) show some of the PCA Club Race competitors.



Region members who attended the picnic include left to right: Lorelei Scharinger, Todd Benz, Brian Berg, Erik Scharinger, Sergio Heredia (with his DieHard cooler) and Justin Benz.



Barb, left, and Dan Pankratz, showed off the blanket they won at the Porsche on the Mac event.



Four attendees who all drive 944s enjoyed a visit during the picnic. Left to right: Joe Spiering, Mike Spiering, Bob Geiser and Justin Palmer of the Milwaukee region.









# Event reports — Tech Session

# Winter prep, IMS, PPIs and more discussed at tech session

Region members gathered on Sept. 15 at Justin Engineering, in Arbor Vitae, for a tech session. Justin Engineering is one of our advertisers in Whaletales and is known in the Northwoods of Wisconsin as to go-to place for foreign car repair, especially those cars of German or European heritage.

Owner Steve Justin welcomed the group and had a long table and chairs set up in the clean shop for attendees.

Steve solicited input prior to the session so he could address the topics that were of interest to the group.

The agenda included how to prep your car for winter storage, the fabled IMS bearing failure on some Porsche models and what a good mechanic should cover in a pre-purchase inspection.

The engine from a 2002 Boxster that had a broken timing chain was on a bench and provided attendees a close up look at the engine, including the IMS bearing. The engine, had just 40,000 miles on it. Also, a 2005 Carrera S cabriolet was on a lift in the shop for

some routine maintenance. Steve pointed out several parts on the underside of the car for closer inspection by the attendees.

One of the livelier discussions was how to keep mice out of vehicles when stored. Attendees shared several tips.

Other key points that were made regarding storage:

- STA-BIL is better than Seafoam
- Hard foam blocks under tires can prevent flat spots
- Clean top and underside of vehicle before storage. The salt brine on roads today is far more harmful than the salt previously used.
- A battery tender will not keep the battery as warm as it needs to be if the battery is old. Best is to remove the battery to a warm place and attach the tender.
- Top off all fluids.

Following the session six of the participants adjourned to lunch in Boulder Junction.



Attendees included, left to right: Ned Boston, Bob Burress, David Schwerbel, Bev Jurkowski, David Deutsch, Carol Burress, Jim Appelgren, Shari Riehle, Jeanne Boston, Greg Riehle, Mike Jurkowski (sitting) and our host Steve Justin of Justin Engineering. Photo credit: Elisa Farmilant

## Sept. 15 tech session photos







Clockwise, from left: Steve Justin shows attendees the location of the IMS bearing on a 2002 Boxster engine.

Two white Porsches, a 911 and a Cayman, parked outside the shop.

Up close look at the IMS bearing.

The group listens to Steve Justin explain the work being done to repair this Boxster engine which had a failed timing chain.

Photos by Bev Jurkowski



# Event reports — Car Show

## Porsches added last minute to car show for nursing home residents

by Larry Rogers

Dennis Ahlman was having a seat belt warning light on his Boxster investigated at Auto Clinic when he received a phone call on Sept. 12 from his granddaughter, Abby, who works at the Bridges Nursing Home on Appleton's north side.

They were having their annual picnic under a big tent in their parking lot the next day and were hoping to get an assortment of '50s and '60s cars that the residents could wheel up to and reminisce with the owners. However, they were not getting a lot of response from the community, so Abby, aware that Grandpa Dennis was a "car guy" and had a pair of Porsches,

called to see if he could help out. He in turn called me, and the two of us washed our Porsches, and participated in their picnic/car show.

With our prime positioning, all residents wheeled right past us while entering their tent, and could see all the cars as they picnicked on brats, burgers, and hot dogs, with beans and chips on the side.

From the many comments received, the residents were happy to see the old cars, and were able to bring back memories of fun times. I know that Dennis and I enjoyed the evening, and would recommend that if anyone gets a chance to participate in an event like this, he or she should take it.



Dennis Ahlman, left, with the two Porsches that were part of the car show at the Bridges care facility in Appleton.



A variety of older cars and trucks was enjoyed by residents of Bridges.

Photos by Larry Rogers

# Event reports — Cars and Coffee

## 14 members attended Cars and Coffee

by Bob Dean

About 14 members, including new members Andrew Ziegert and Jay Kromholz, attended the Cars and Coffee session at Bergstrom Premier on Sept.15 with their assorted Porsches. It was a beautiful morning, and we were glad to have so many members spend part of their day with us.

Topics discussed included the 2018 Macan GTS which was in the showroom that day. We also discussed past summer events, winter tire options and paint options on new Porsches.







# Event reports — Treffen Banff

By John Steven Kline

About 350 PCA members with 180 cars, almost all of them Porsches, made their way to Banff Canada on Sept. 12 for three days of great drives, excellent food, and like-minded people. It was a great event. As we understand it, at least 90 PCA members started registration the second the website was open. It sold out very fast—that's why part of me sort of hesitates to tell everyone how much fun these Treffens are.

We left Eagle River, Mich., in our 2013 991.1 on Sept. 4 so that we could visit some of our National Parks on the way. I do not need to say much about Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier; they are great. A few unexpected treats were Pompey's Pillar National Monument, driving the Beartooth Highway into Yellowstone, and the bartender and desk clerk at the Belton Chalet outside Glacier NP.

Once we arrived at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, we found that PCA had done a great job getting ready for all of us to show up. As a part of our registration fee, we each received a very nice vest with the PCA and Treffen logos. It is my new favorite garment! On Thursday and Friday most attendees went for organized drives—in the snow. Even with the snow, the drives were fun—and Banff National Park was beautiful. Everything at the hotel was superb—food, rooms and service.

The dinners after the drives were great opportunities to talk with other Porsche owners from all over Canada and the US. One evening we were entertained by some amazing young fiddlers; another by two retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers—they were very funny. Most of the people we met were somewhere close to retirement or retired—which makes sense because many younger people have jobs, and/or young kids. We get a kick out of being around oth-



Fairmont Springs Banff hotel

er people who love to drive—not many of our friends at home can understand why anyone would want to drive across the country, or would want to seek out slow mountain roads with narrow lanes and few guardrails. We did meet one couple that we had previously met at another PCA national event. The PCA members who volunteer to work these events are pretty amazing.

After the Treffen ended we headed north into Jasper National Park and then south to the Oregon Wine country—great Pinot Noirs. California Route 1 was another highlight of the trip—and where we blew out a tire. As most of you probably know, 911s do not come with spares; instead they have a can of tire goop and a compressor. To make a long story short, we had an interesting 4-hour ride with a nice flatbed driver, and were treated very well by Walnut Creek Porsche, and by Porsche of Fremont. Porsche Roadside Assistance was very helpful.

We would encourage everyone to consider a Treffen! We look forward to going to more — hope to see you there. *Photos by John Steven Kline and Linda Kline* 



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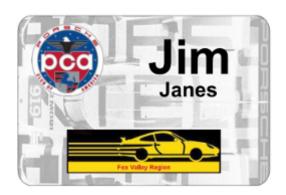
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