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Schnell Fahrspur

By Todd Mierzwiak



Spring is officially here in Northwest Ohio. The grass is green, the flowers & buds are all opening & the temperature is warming up. I think everyone would agree that

they are ready for the change of season to get back to warmer days. Sarah & I are readying both of the 911's for the driving season as we speak. We just got her 911 Cab back from doing quite a bit of work including a transmission rebuild and other maintenance items we knew would be needed when we purchased the car last fall. We decided to do the laundry list of items right away to the car rather than piece-meal it over time. My Turbo got a couple of recent additions including new seat belts and a Porsche rollbar. Now I will have to find the time for a few DE events this year to explain to Sarah why I needed these safety items!


We had our annual Zone 4 Presidents Meeting out at Maumee Bay Resort a couple of weeks ago Unfortunately, I was out town that week, however Michael Soriano was kind enough to step in for me and attend the meeting. Ron Carr, our Zone 4 representative filled the day with hot topics and lots of discussion.

Make sure to mark your calendars

for Beth & Barney Stewarts "King of the Hill" party on Saturday April 17. You can RSVP the Stewarts or Lisa Soriano to confirm what dish to bring. Look on our website for additional details.

I have been reading about all of the new cars coming out of Porsche. The company has released information about its concept car the 918 Spyder (Project XG10). The car has a 3.4 liter V-8 producing 495hp, as well as three electric motors that add another 215hp. This car laps the infamous Nurburgring circuit faster than a Carrera GT and yet even with all this performance manages over 70mpg. From the pictures I've seen in the magazines and on Porsche's website, the car is drop dead gorgeous! The new 911 Turbo and 911 GT3 are all completely remodeled with new technologies. The company continues to innovate its product line from the Boxster to the Panamera. This is great news com-

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Maumee Valley Region 2010 Calendar of Events

Check our web site at www.mm.pca.org for the latest event information.

APRIL

- 17 Party at the Stewarts
- 17 Swap Meet in Farmington Hills

MAY

- 22 Party at the Mechels

JUNE

- 6 Mon Ami brunch
- 10 Business Meeting
- 19 Concours at the Ledermans

JULY

- 3-9 Parade
- 31 Party at the Schoens

AUGUST

- 14 Olers restaurant in Findlay

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Business Meeting
- 19 European car show at Vin Devers

OCTOBER

- TBD Party at the Vollmars
- 30-31 MVR Mid-Ohio DE

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- TBD TBD

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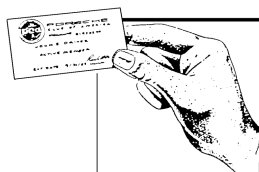
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MVR/PCA Membership News

April 2010 - Club Member Anniversaries

Monte Zarick	32 Years
Steve and Carolyn Hill	21 Years
John Hurburt	20 Years
Jeff & Steve Uhlman	19 Years
David and Andrea Rosebery	7 Years
David and Dana Pearson	6 Years
David and Holly Duncan	5 Years
George and Wendy Smith	3 Years
Michael and Anita Bartschat	1 Year
Paul Jaffray	1 Year



New Members

Thomas Housekeeper
driving a 1981 Red 911 SC

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1 Point for attending any Zone 4 event outside of MVR

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Bob DeHaven	1
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Shirley Gobba	2
Dick Gobba	2
Shanda Gore	1
Ruth Gulliford	1
Ron Gulliford	1
Lisa Harris	2
Bob Harris	2
Carol Hauser	1
Dave Hauser	1
Tom Housekeeper	1
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Tom Isley	4
Suzanne Jennens	3
John Jennens	3
Sandra Kinker	4
Alan Kinker	4
Jeanne Krauser	4

Chris Krauser	4
Barb Lederman	1
Rick Lederman	1
Michael Levison	1
Deb MacDonald	1
Pete MacDonald	1
Linda Mechel	3
Jack Mechel	5
Sarah Mierzwiak	3
Todd Mierzwiak	4
Barb Nolen	1
Richard Nolen	1
Linda Roan	4
Bill Roan	4
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Jim Schoen	5
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Zone 4 Presidents Meeting Report

By Michael Soriano

The Zone 4 Presidents' Meeting was held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Maumee Bay State Park as it has been for the past 3 years. As has also become customary, the Welcome Party was held at the original Tony Packos on Front Street the previous evening. This year's Welcome Party was hosted by the new Zone 4 Representative Ron Carr and his wife Constance. Thirty members from throughout Zone 4 were present, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

I had been informed that in previous years the Presidents' meeting was a casual laid-back event. However, when I was e-mailed the agenda earlier that week, it certainly appeared to be a very structured, well-organized, extremely full day. It was very clear early on that as our new Zone 4 Representative, Ron Carr wanted to get all of the regions in Zone 4 up to speed and on the same page, and that at this meeting, he was teaching his 1st course on how to be a PCA region President.

The meeting began early Saturday morning, and the first order of business was to get everyone familiarized with the RPM (Region Procedures Manual). We thoroughly reviewed the manual as well as how to properly and effectively utilize it. The next topic discussed was Risk Management. The first portion of this discussion specifically addressed the events that PCA Regions are not to be participating in, including hill climbs, ice racing, and go-karting. When the last item was

announced, I leaned over and showed our October event Kart de Kart to my friend Amber Door and Western Michigan President Dan Phillips, along with my friend Jim Christopher, President of Rally Sport region, and we all enjoyed a good laugh. Later during a break, Amber and Dan informed me that PCA had made their position very clear and has not allowed go-karting events for at least the last 5 years.

The next pertinent topic addressed was membership. Ron stated that he believes membership retention clearly should be each region's priority and focus. He feels that it is much easier for a region to retain its existing members than it is to attract new members. Next, many of the regions shared their existing procedures on how they attract new members. Ron suggested always having PCA applications available, stating he always carries them in his car. Other regions such as Northern Ohio have recently begun using a business card: one side containing their regional information and the other side containing PCA information. Northern Ohio region officers carry these cards with them, either personally handing them to people or placing them on cars. Since implementing this strategy, they have found it to be successful.

Ron recited statistics from PCNA and PCA stating that in the past 4 years, 100,000 Porsches were sold but only 25,000 of those new owners joined PCA; therefore, 75,000 did

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60 Years of Porsche in America

By Porsche Cars North America

From the beginning, Dr. Ferry Porsche saw the limitations of selling his 356 sports car in the Western European markets. He knew in order to sustain and grow his dream, Porsche would have to export its products to larger, more affluent markets like the United States, which had been virtually untouched by World War II.

This grand show opens in New York City

Enter Austrian ex-patriot and adoptive New Yorker Max Hoffman. With the demand for cars running at a fever pitch after the sparse war years' production, Hoffman scoured the continent for marketable products. He knew many returning G.I.s had developed a taste and a romantic fondness for the nimble, fun-to-drive cars they had been introduced to while stationed in Europe.

Hoffman, at the urging of Swiss journalist Max Troesch, accepted the Porsche franchise in the early autumn of 1950. Max caught the Porsche bug, declaring, "I was very excited. This was something completely new, out of this world. I was not 100 percent for Porsches. I was 1,000 percent for Porsches." When Ferry Porsche said he hoped Max could find five American buyers a year, he responded, "If I can't sell five a week, I'm not interested."

In the fall of 1950, Hoffman took delivery of two 1.1-liter coupes and put them on display at his 430 Park Avenue showroom in New York City. While the 356 had only 44 horsepower and cost as much as a

Cadillac convertible, he thought this little Porsche deserved a chance.

His faith in Porsche was justified. He imported 32 cars in 1951, and by 1954 he was marketing 11 Porsches a week, or 30 percent of Porsche's production. At its peak, the United States would absorb up to 70 percent of Porsche's yearly production.

Hoffman was also an astute marketer. In 1952 while dining in a New York restaurant, Max told Dr. Ferry Porsche all cars of some standing in the world have a crest. "Why not Porsche, too?" he asked.

Ferry then grabbed a napkin and began to draw the crest for the state of Baden-Württemberg with its curved stag horns. He added a black prancing horse from Stuttgart's coat of arms and the word PORSCHE across the top and handed it back to Max asking, "How about something like that?" With a bit of refinement and color, the famed Porsche Crest was born and today remains true to Ferry's original sketch more than half a century ago.

Porsche and the Hollywood connection

While New York would prove to be central to Porsche's U.S. success, California, even in the early 1950s, was considered the 'Car Mecca of the New World'. The Porsche foothold on the West Coast was established by another Austrian expat named Johnny von Neumann. Von Neumann was the scion of a well-known Viennese doctor and had emigrated to the United States in

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not. In the group discussion, further insight into this fact was provided. Approximately 50% of new Porsche sales have been from the Cayenne, and Cayenne owners generally are not interested in PCA.

We also discussed dealership topics, in particular, the importance of a strong relationship with your local dealership. We were informed that PCNA is urging their dealers to establish and maintain quality relationships with their local Porsche Club, and I was very pleased to see that PCNA feels that our region has a close and very solid relationship with Porsche of Sylvania, recognizing Maumee Valley region as the example for Zone 4.

After that, was a discussion of individual region's finances and budgets, followed by an announcement that Mid-Ohio is organizing a DE Instructor Training Program for Zone 4 instructors.

We then broke for lunch and went to the Water's Edge restaurant where we were able to enjoy the beautiful views of Maumee Bay State Park as we dined. After lunch, we discussed extremely important topics, 2 of which will be voted on this year at Parade. Membership is to be advised of these issues so that they can collectively instruct each region's President how to vote. The first is that PCA wants to increase Membership Dues from \$42 to \$46 beginning 1/1/11, noting that dues have remained the same since 1999. Second, is the relocation or potential purchase of a facility to house PCA Headquarters. PCA Headquarters' lease is expiring, so they are poten-

tially looking to purchase a large facility which will provide them the ability for future growth and includes a studio and garage, in the same Washington D.C., Springfield and Alexandria, VA area where they are currently located. PCA is looking to raise \$950,000 for initial payment on this new building. PCA wanted to make it abundantly clear that the raising of the dues was not directly related to the purchase of this new facility, however, several of the Zone 4 Officers in attendance were skeptical. They felt that PCA should consider moving its headquarters from the D.C. Virginia area to the Midwest where real estate is much more affordable.

Information was then provided regarding the PCA members only raffle, which continues to be one of PCA's most profitable ventures. This summer the PCA member only raffle will be for the new Boxster Spyder. PCA states that their version, unlike the auto show prototype, will come with a radio; if you should happen to win this vehicle and wish to remove the radio in order to improve your track time, you may do so. It was also announced that a PCA app for the iPhone has been in development and will be available this summer for \$2.99

Ron urged all existing Presidents in Zone 4 to make recommendations and submit applications by May for the National Awards: Enthusiast of the Year and Family of the Year. Enthusiast of the Year is a member who has exhibited levels of dedication and service to the region, and Family of the Year is for the family who has had a significant impact on

your region since joining. He also encouraged all of the regions to enter the Newsletter competition.

One of the final topics Ron wanted to talk about was the importance of regional officer development. He believes that it is crucial for each region to attract new enthusiastic members in order to develop those individuals to fill the roles of the officers and considers mentoring to be the best method for training the new officers. He further stated that it is very important to get new people involved as officers in order to provide each region new ideas and a positive and fresh approach.

After Ron had covered all of his topics, he then asked each regional President or Vice President to give a

presentation on their region. After that, we all compared our Calendar of Events, sharing our traditional favorites as well as new innovations with the other regions. Many of the people were looking for fresh and exciting ideas for their Holiday Party. They were very impressed that we were holding our party at the Toledo Museum of Art, and that the executive chef would tailor a menu to us. They also loved the fact that there would be a glass blowing exhibition, and that we have the freedom to explore all of the museum's galleries.

The meeting concluded around 5 p.m. It was a very informative and productive day.

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European AutoWerkes Introduction

By Jerry Gorman

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To introduce us to the Maumee Valley Region we are making our shop available for the members to bring in their cars and perform their own maintenance. We will provide use of our tools and our assistance in performing diagnostics.

We will be opening our doors at 9 am on Saturday the 24th of April for this event.

To schedule a time to bring in your car please give us a call at 419-475-5211. Space is limited so reservations are desired.

Ryan and Jerry Gorman

March Business Meeting Held at Vin Devers

by Chris Krauser

The following members were in attendance at our March 11th Business Meeting

- Todd Mierzwiak – President
- Michael Soriano – Vice President
- Jeff Vollmar – Treasurer
- Lisa Soriano – Social Chair
- Rich Brown – Membership Chair
- Jason Perry – Vin Devers Sales Management

These topics were reviewed by the attendees:

Jason has tentatively established a date of September 19 for a European Car show at Vin Devers. This will be a major event this year for MVR. We will need our members to not only participate in the day’s activities but some help may be needed during set up. More info on this event as the summer progresses. This will be an event you will not want to miss.

Rich noted that we recently added 3

new members. If you get a chance be sure to welcome them to our region.

Jeff reported he is dropping the MVR Goodie Store for the moment. We did not get enough response over the last few years to warrant continuing. If you have any ideas to help get this restarted don’t hesitate to let Jeff know your thoughts.

There was a discussion about attracting new advertisers to the Newsletter to help cover our expenses.

Jeff is planning on hosting a social gathering at his home in Sterling Heights and putting together some time at nearby Kart to Kart sometime during October. Again we’ll have more news about this later this summer. If you have not done any karting at a quality indoor facility like Kart to Kart please mark this on you October calendar as a must do this year.

NOR DRIVERS EDUCATION AT MID-OHIO INFORMATION

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Saturday and Sunday May 1-2	Driver’s Education event	\$350
Garage		\$150

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(mention NOR)	Quality Inn (across the street)	(419) 886 7000

Sign-up will be at www.clubregistration.net. Please email Lori Bryant at lori.bryant@att.net or Deneene Lance at deneelan@aol.com with questions

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1947 and had begun selling cars in the Los Angeles area.

In 1948, he opened up his own shop, Competition Motors in North Hollywood. The name was reflective of von Neumann's primary interest, racing. While most of his business was focused on the repair and maintenance of sports cars, he eventually sold cars, as well.

On a 1951 vacation to New York, von Neumann decided to see his fellow Viennese Hoffman, whom he knew from before the war. "I stopped to say hello and being a 'salesman's salesman', he asked me to take the car for a ride," von Neumann recalled to a journalist. "I thought the car was way ahead of its time, so I bought one and drove it back to California."

Porsche of America Corp. is born

By 1956, it became increasingly evident Max Hoffman's focus on Porsche had shifted. In addition to Porsche, Hoffman was now importing a sizable portfolio of brands under the Hoffman Motor Cars umbrella. Because of this diversification, it was difficult for Porsche to maintain the support and distribution standards Porsche felt were critical for the growth of the Porsche brand in the United States. This was to be a recurring concern during the history of Porsche in America.

In response to this need, Porsche of America Corporation (PoAC) was established. With headquarters in Teaneck, N.J., PoAC took over and improved and expanded Porsche's distribution network.

The Volkswagen years

For many years Dr. Ferry Porsche felt the only way to sustain the company in the long run and for it to remain an independent entity was for Porsche to develop a lower cost, higher volume model.

In partnership with Volkswagen AG, Porsche developed the 914, a mid-engined, two-seat Targa-type sports car available in two configurations – the Porsche powered six-cylinder 914/6 and the less expensive and higher volume VW powered 914/4.

But the increased volume these two new cars were intended to generate could not be handled through the existing PoAC channel. And, as the volume 914/4 was to be powered by the flat four from the Volkswagen 411, it made perfect sense to team up with Volkswagen of America (VoA).

During the partnership, VoA and Porsche sold more than 250,000 Porsches in the United States.

The birth of PCNA

In January 1984, the 323 U.S. Porsche-Audi dealers were notified after August 31 they would no longer be receiving Porsche cars, parts or support from Volkswagen of America, but from a new entity, Porsche Cars North America (PCNA).

With the termination of the distribution agreement, PCNA set up its operation in Reno, Nev. in September of 1984 to oversee all of the importation and distribution tasks formerly handled by Volkswagen of America. PCNA remained in Reno until March 10, 1998 when it relocated to its current home in Atlanta.



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Registration for Parade is in full swing and there are 6 members from our region that are signed up to date. There is still room for any other interested members.

There has been a change in the May event. The date has moved to the 22nd and will be hosted by the Mechels.

Be sure to watch the calendar in the newsletter or check the MVR web page for any additional updates.

Flash your headlights at a fellow Porsche owner on the road!! Keep the kindred spirit alive!!


.....the editor

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 ing out of Porsche since the takeover by Volkswagen. I look forward to seeing everyone in the weeks to come.

Thanks!

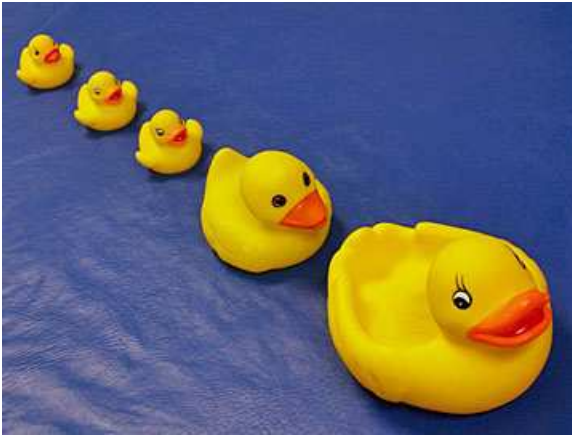
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