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Photo on cover: F. A. Porsche and the car he designed.

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Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

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- 12 Business Meeting
- 21 R&A Engineering and dinner at The Common Grill
- 21 Hershey Swap Meet

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- 4-6 MVR Drivers Education
- 12 Cars and Coffee
- 19 Party at Lederman's

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From The Driver's Seat

By Michael Soriano



The month of March has been a very busy one for the club. On March 3, a number of members attended an Advanced Driver's Seminar at the Taj Ma Garaj in Dayton. The event featured guest speaker Ross Bentley and was hosted by OVR.

On March 22, we held our social event, which was Curling at the BGSU ice arena. We had another great turnout, and everyone had a wonderful time. Afterwards, we went to the Gargasz's home for pizza and drinks. Thanks again to the Gargasz's and Holliday's for organizing such a fun evening.

The Zone 4 Presidents' Conference was held the weekend of March 23. Friday night, March 23, a social reception was held at the original Tony Packo's. The following day was the Zone 4 Presidents' Meeting as well as the Zone 4 DE Meeting at Maumee Bay State Park. As our region's President, it makes me proud that we are able to host such an important PCA event; it is a great opportunity for many of the other PCA presidents to enjoy and experience some of the wonderful things our region has to offer. This year the conference was also attended by the newest member of the Executive Committee, Tom Gorsuch, PCA National Treasurer, who was kind enough to take time out of his busy schedule to be here. It was a pleasure to meet and spend time with

Tom on both Friday and Saturday. I would like to thank Ron Carr for his outstanding effort in coordinating this extremely informative and productive weekend.

At the conference we were given permission to announce that next year's Parade will be in our zone, in Traverse City, MI. So, we will be looking for members within our region to not only attend Parade, but also to volunteer and help our entire zone shine.

I am proud to report that according to National, after many years of stagnant growth, we had an outstanding year. In fact, Maumee Valley had the 2nd highest factored growth in the entire zone; our factored growth was 31. We should all be very proud of this accomplishment as membership has been one of our primary objectives. Barney and I have been working together on this important topic and I want to thank him for all of his hard work. It is clear that the introduction of the "Join the Club" membership card program as well as our participation at area car shows has been successful. As a reminder, the first Cars and Coffee of the year is Saturday, April 7 at Tim Horton's on Central Ave. Also, if you need more cards to distribute, please contact Barney Stewart or myself.

And on March 31, several members attended the Tech Session hosted by John Jennens at The Car Port explaining how to prepare your car for the driving season.

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Our next business meeting is Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in Vin Dever's Conference Room. We will be discussing plans for the 40th, so please plan to attend this meeting and help us create a fantastic weekend commemorating our region's 40th Anniversary. If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in volunteering to either organize or help with these events or activities, please contact Jeff Vollmar at jtvollmar@att.net.

On April 21, we will have our Social Event of the month. We'll meet in Blissfield at 2 p.m., proceed to R & A Engineering, Inc. in Manchester to tour their facility, and then onto the Common Grill in Chelsea for a 5:30 p.m. dinner.

Our Driver's Education event with Potomac Region is quickly approaching; it will be held May 4, 5, and 6 at Mid-Ohio. Please plan to attend. To register go to pcapotomac.us.

This year, we are trying something new and exciting. On May 19, Rick and Barb will host Top Gear at the Lederman's, a fundraiser to benefit Toys for Tots. For a nominal fee, you will be able to drive a moderately priced (R/C) car against the clock. Cars will be provided, and the person (s) with the fastest time will win a prize.

As the driving season begins, I want to extend an invitation to each and every member to take some time to attend at least one event this year. What better way to celebrate our region's 40th Anniversary than to have a record number of members participating, because PCA is not just about the cars, it really is about the people.

Thanks,

Michael

Remember to keep the Blink Alive!!!!

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche dies

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG mourns great designer

by Porsche AG

Stuttgart. Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is mourning Professor Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. The Honorary President of the Supervisory Board died on 5 April 2012 in Salzburg, aged 76. Matthias Müller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Porsche AG, paid tribute to Ferdinand Alexander Porsche's services to the sports car manufacturer: "We mourn

the death of our partner, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. As the creator of the Porsche 911, he established a design culture in our company that has shaped our sports cars to this very day. His philosophy of good design is a legacy to us that we will honour for all time."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was

born in Stuttgart on 11 December 1935, the oldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche. Even his childhood was shaped by cars, and he spent much of his time in the engineering offices and development workshops of his grandfather Ferdinand Porsche. In 1943 the family accompanied the Porsche company's move to Austria, where he went to school in Zell am See. After returning to Stuttgart in 1950, he attended the private Waldorf school. After leaving school, he enrolled at the prestigious Ulm School of Design.

In 1958, F.A. Porsche, as he was known by his colleagues, joined the engineering office of what was then Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche KG. He soon proved his great talent for design by sculpting the first model of a successor to the 356 model line out of plasticine. In 1962 he took over as head of the Porsche design studio, creating a worldwide furor one year later with the Porsche 901 (or 911). With the Porsche 911, F.A. Porsche created a sports car icon whose timeless and classical form survives to this very day in what is now the seventh 911 generation. However, in addition to passenger cars, F.A. Porsche also concerned himself with designing the sports cars of the 1960s. His best-known designs include the Type 804 Formula One racing car or the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, now considered to be one of the most beautiful racing cars ever.

In the course of the conversion of Porsche KG into a joint-stock corporation in 1971/72, Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, along with all the other family members, stood down from the company's front-line business operations. In 1972 he founded the "Porsche Design Studio" in Stuttgart, the head of-

fice of which was relocated to Zell am See in Austria in 1974. In the decades that followed, he designed numerous classic gentlemen's accessories such as watches, spectacles and writing implements that achieved global recognition under the "Porsche Design" brand. In parallel, with his team, he designed a plethora of industrial products, household appliances and consumer durables for internationally renowned clients under the brand "Design by F.A. Porsche". A strong and clear design concept typifies all product designs created in his design studio to date. The credo of his design work was: "Design must be functional and functionality has to be translated visually into aesthetics, without gags that have to be explained first." F.A. Porsche: "A coherently designed product requires no adornment; it should be enhanced by its form alone." The design's appearance should be readily comprehensible and not detract from the product and its function. His conviction was: "Good design should be honest."

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche received numerous honours and awards both for his work as a designer as well as for individual designs. For example, in 1968 the "Comité Internationale de Promotion et de Prestige" honoured him for the outstanding aesthetic design of the Porsche 911 while the Industrial Forum Design Hannover (iF) voted him "Prizewinner of the Year" in 1992. In 1999, the President of Austria bestowed on him the title of Professor.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche retained a close lifelong association with Porsche AG as a partner and member of the Supervisory Board. For example, even after stepping down from front-

line business operations, he contributed to the design of Porsche's sports cars over many decades and repeatedly steered the company in the right direction. This was especially the case for the difficult period Porsche experienced at the beginning of the 1990s. From 1990 to 1993, F.A. Porsche served as President of the company's Supervisory Board, thus playing a major role in Porsche A.G.'s economic

turnaround. In 2005, he stood down from his Supervisory Board role in favour of his son Oliver and assumed the mantle of Honorary President of the Supervisory Board.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche will be buried in the family grave at Schüttgut in Zell am See, attended by his immediate family. An official funeral service will be held in Stuttgart at a later date.



On Saturday March 31st, The Car Port hosted a tech session at its facility on Section Rd in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. "Preparing your car for the driving season" was the topic. The timely subject matter made for good discussion. Many Maumee Valley Region members attended, and the good turnout even included PCA members from the S.E. Michigan Region.



2012 NOR/IRAC Autocross Schedule

- NOR - April 22 - Autocross School, Lakeland
- IRAC 1 - April 29 – OVR, Kil-Kare Raceway
- IRAC 2 - May 20 – NOR, Lakeland
- IRAC 3 - June 3 – MOR, Columbus Speedway
- NOR – June 17 - NOR, Lakeland
- IRAC 4 - July 1 – MVR, Owens College
- NOR – July 22 - NOR, Lakeland
- IRAC 5 - Aug 12 – OVR, (location to be determined)
- NOR - Aug 26 - NOR, Lakeland
- IRAC 6 - Sept 9 – MOR, Columbus Speedway
- NOR - Sept 23 - NOR, Lakeland
- IRAC 7 - Oct 20 – Allegheny, Beaver Run

For more information contact the host region representative listed below.

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OVR - Mike Norris, michael.norris@wright.edu

MVR = Gregg Herr Greg Herr, greg.herr@us.o-i.com

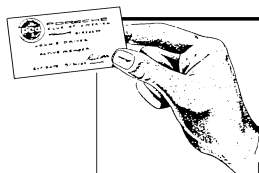
MOR - Jeff Dupler

AR – Rob Hoffman, rob@designco.com

MVR/PCA Membership News

April 2012 - Club Member Anniversaries

Monte Zarick	34 Years
Steve and Carolyn Hill	23 Years
John Hurburt	22 Years
Jeff & Steve Uhlman	21 Years
George and Wendy Smith	5 Years
Michael and Anita Bartschat	3 Years
Keith Franklin	1 Year
Roger Holliday	1 Year



New Members

None



The Region has a name badge available for purchase. The cost is \$10 per badge. Contact Tom Isley at derruckspiegel@bex.net to place your order. Badges will be delivered at the next event.

If you are not currently receiving Social Event e-mail updates, please contact Lisa at Mrs.LisaSoriano@juno.com

MVR members can earn points as part of the activities program as follows. All activities must be confirmed to the MVR Secretary via Sign Up Sheets, Event Chairs, Notice of Participation at Zone 4 event outside MVR or Newsletter Editor.

1 point for attending a MVR event

1 Point for attending any Zone 4 event outside of MVR

2 points for organizing and hosting a MVR event

1 point for assisting in a significant manner at a MVR or Zone 4 event

1 point for any article of at least 250 words (about one page) published in the MVR Newsletter

MVR 2012 Point Totals as of 4/1/2012

Greg Armstrong	1
Verne Armstrong	1
Gene Aufderhaar	2
Kathleen Aufderhaar	2
Bill Bauman	4
Judy Bellman	2
Marshall Bellman	2
Rich Brown	1
Susan Brown	1
Lee Burlingame	3
Yvonne Burlingame	2
Bruce Butcher	1
Diane Butcher	1
Becky Cable	1
Tom Cable	1
Tony Calabrese	3
Deb DeHaven	3
Tom DeHaven	3
Billy Edwards	1
Tom Farley	1
Claudia Fischer	2
Keith Franklin	2
Ron Gargas	5
Sharon Gargas	5
Dick Gobba	5
Shirley Gobba	5

Ron Gulliford	3
Ruth Gulliford	3
Bob Harris	2
Kim Harris	2
Chris Heidenreich	4
Mary Heidenreich	2
Greg Herr	1
Roger Holliday	3
Deb Isley	5
Tom Isley	6
John Jennens	7
Suzanne Jennens	2
Alan Kinker	5
Sandra Kinker	5
Chris Krauser	7
Jeanne Krauser	6
Barb Lederman	2
Rick Lederman	3
Michael Levison	2
Rob Mack	3
Shellie Mack	3
Jack Mechel	5
Linda Mechel	5
Sarah Mierzwiak	3
Todd Mierzwiak	3
Marie Pendelton	2
Mark Pendelton	2
Colleen Perry	1

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Jim Schoen	4
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Manish Thusay	1
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Missy Walsh	2
Jim Wilson	1
Millie Woodruff	2
Tom Woodruff	2
Marc Woodward	5
Kathy Woodward	4
Craig Zenil	5
Laila Zenil	1

**MAUMEE VALLEY PCA
APRIL SOCIAL EVENT**

**Saturday April 21, 2012
2 p.m.**

**Visit to R & A Engineering, Inc.
Restoration of Fine Automobiles
Manchester, MI**

**Followed by Dinner at
The Common Grill
Chelsea, MI**

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Maumee Valley Region 2012 Calendar of Events

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

APRIL

- 7 Cars and Coffee
- 12 Business Meeting
- 21 R&A Engineering and dinner at The Common Grill
- 21 Hershey Swap Meet

MAY

- 4-6 MVR Drivers Education
- 12 Cars and Coffee
- 19 Party at Lederman's

JUNE

- 10 Mon Ami Brunch and driving tour
- 14 Business Meeting

JULY

- 8 Cars and Coffee
- 8-14 Parade in Salt Lake City
- 21 Party at Mack's in Tiffin
- 27-28 P2O

AUGUST

- 9 Business Meeting
- 12 Cars and Coffee
- 25 Party at Mierzwiak's

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Cars and Coffee
- 22 Party at Schoen's
- 23 Vin Devers European Car Show
- 29 Ottawa Hills Fall Festival

OCTOBER

- 11 Business Meeting
- 14 Cars and Coffee
- 27 MVR 40th at the Zoo

NOVEMBER

- 3-4 MVR Drivers Education
- 11 Cars and Coffee
- 17 Dinner in Findlay

DECEMBER

- TBD Social event

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In The Zone

By Ron Carr

Zone 4 Representative



Well, since we've had quite a mild winter this year *In the Zone*, many of you continued to drive your Porsche, which has been a great bonus! For those that have packed them away, spring is

here and the time has arrived to get them out, clean them up, and get on the road. Many regions are hosting a car clinic this month at a local shop to help us make sure that the car is ready for the demands of the summer driving season. Take the opportunity to get your car checked over by one of the many experts that support PCA- you'll be glad you did. Check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned for your enjoyment, and check the Zone 4 Website for other regions events.

The summer driving event season kicks off this year in Zone 4 with the **Ohio Valley Region Spring Drivers Education** at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on April 20th through the 22nd. Contact Lynne Burnett at 111margaret@att.net or <http://clubregistration.net> for details.

The following weekend, two more events present themselves:

The **Northern Ohio Region** hosts their first **Drivers Education** of the season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH on April 27th through

the 29th. For more information contact Lori Bryant at loribryant@att.net 330-247-1487 or Deneene Lance dennelan@aol.com 330-528-0841. You can register at <http://clubregistration.net>.

The same weekend (April 27th through the 29th), the **Central Indiana Region** will hold their **Spring Brake Drivers Education** at Putnam Park in Mt. Meridian, IN. Registration information can be found on their website or at <http://clubregistration.net>.

Not ready for DE? Come and checkout the Autocross scene!! It's lots of fun to watch and to drive.

The **Northern Ohio Region** is holding their **Autocross School** on Sunday, April 22nd at the Lakeland Community College parking lot in Kirtland, OH. You can RSVP to Doug Bradley at bradleyd@adelphia.net or call 440-428-7043 for more information.

The first **Inter Regional Auto Cross (IRAC)** event of the season will be hosted by the **Ohio Valley Region** in Cincinnati, OH on Sunday, April 29th. Check their website for the exact location and more details.

Need time behind the wheel, but not on the track? How about a **Road Trip**?

Join the **Allegheny Region** on their annual visit to the **Hershey Swap Meet** in Hershey PA on April 20/21st. To join in the caravan to Hershey Park, check for the details on the <http://arpc.com/> website.

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Or, you can join the Northern Ohio Region in caravanning to the same destination on the same dates- contact Ava Singerman (440,821.8630) for details and reservations.

Going the other direction, join the **Central Indiana Region** for their **Spring Color Tour** to Cincinnati, OH on April 21st & 22nd. Great driving roads and deluxe accommodations and dinner in the Queen City- reserve your spot now by contacting Bob & Brigitta Snider at 765-282-7985 or bsniderjr1977@comcast.net

Join **Rally Sport Region**, **Southeast Michigan Region**, and **Motor-Stadt Region** for a **Swap Meet** at Porsche of

Farmington Hills (MI) on April 14th from 10 am until 2 pm. Details on the RSR website.

It's not too late to register for the **Annual PCA National Porsche Parade** being held in Salt Lake City, UT on July 7-14, 2012. Plan to join a bunch of other Zone 4 PCA members for fun in the mountains. If you are not yet sure about helping at the 2013 event, the Parade in SLC presents a great opportunity to come and see what it's all about. Registration opened March 27th and will continue until sold out.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at zone4rep@embarqmail.com . Hope to see you at an event soon!

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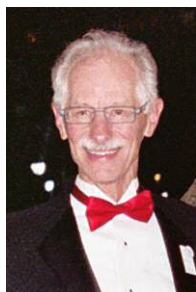
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The Porsche community lost a special individual this month. F. A. Porsche passed away on April 5th. His design of the 911 will be remembered for many years to come. His design has been seen on the roads since 1967 and new variants that remain true to the original design concept are still produced today.



This month's event for a tour of the R and A engineering restoration shop is up soon and the MVR/Potomac DE will be the first weekend in May. If you are not signed up it is not too late. May will also bring the RC car party hosted by the Lederman's.

In June we will be heading out to Mon Ami Restaurant for brunch. Deb and I will be leading a drive over again this year. We had 18 cars last year and expect a bigger group this year. Watch the newsletter for information.

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

.....the editor

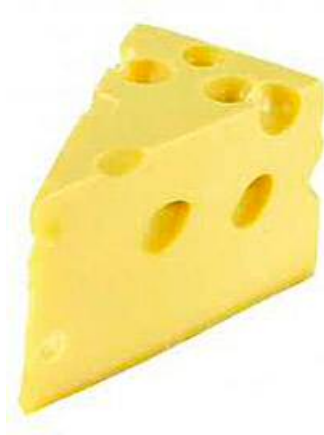
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