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## The Open Road

Bob and Kim Harris put together a driving tour to Wauseon this month. Even with the rain, the turn out was good with 11 cars including Ruth Gulliford and Jeanne Krauser in Ruth's 944. The tour ended at Sullivans Restaurant for dinner.

We have another another new advertiser starting this month, Fourth Dimension Financial. Their ad can be found on page 9. Fourth Dimension Financial is owned by member, Adam Cufu. Please be sure to support our advertisers and let them know that you saw the ad in the club newsletter.

The new web site is now up and running. If you have bookmarked the old one you should go in and update the link. The new site can be found at [mvr.pca.org](http://mvr.pca.org). If you have any updates or comments on the new site be sure to send them to Bob Harris at [robertsharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertsharris@sbcglobal.net).

The next event on the calendar is the golf outing in Bowling Green followed by dinner at the country club on September 10. No you are not required to golf to take part in the dinner. Following in October

will be a driving tour to the Findlay Rod and Gun Club. Jeff Fort and Ruth Gulliford are collaborating on this event.

Be sure to check the calendar. There have been a few changes to the events.

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

.....the editor

*Editor Note:  
Jeanne Krauser  
has asked that I  
use this picture  
on the cover. I  
decided that it  
would be better  
used for this  
column.*



## From The Podium

By Todd Mierzwiaik

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Greetings to everyone in the region. I hope everyone's summer has been absolutely great. For Sarah & I this has been one of the busiest summers I can remember in quite

some time. There have been a couple of house projects including new windows & doors as well as some new landscaping. Hopefully the house projects are done for a while!

The end of July culminated in our regions HPDE event at Grattan Raceway. Starting several months ago, Tony Calabrese, Craig Zenil & myself spent many late nights pitching ideas on how to put the best possible driving event together for our members & other participants. I am happy to report that we ended up with 44 drivers experiencing a fantastic weekend up in Belding Michigan. We could not have made this a success without the support of our volunteers as well as the financial support of our sponsors. We hope that each year this event grows a little bit bigger as the word gets out.

I would like to wish Ruth Guiliford a happy belated birthday. Two weeks ago, a bunch of us travelled down to

Findlay Ohio to surprise Ruth for her 75<sup>th</sup>. Ruth's family & friends orchestrated a fantastic luncheon get together and everyone has a great time.

Last weekend I fulfilled a bucket list dream of being able to drive at Indy. Chris Krauser, Dax Buschmeyer and myself travelled down to Indy to instruct for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mid Ohio Region Indy HPDE event. Even with the torrential intermittent rain we got, we had a fantastic time and our students were great. There is nothing quite like coming down the front straight across the brickyard in my 996TT. It is amazing how the region can pull event off with over 300 drivers coming together at one venue.

Please continue to check out the club's new website to see upcoming events and see what is going on in the region. If you would like to see additional content or have suggestions, please feel free to contact Bob Harris our new uber webmaster.

Remember to keep the blink alive!!

Todd

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Photos by Todd Mierzwiak



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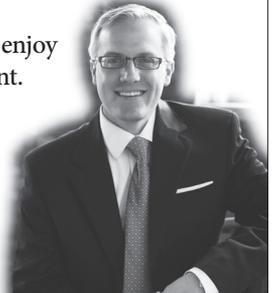
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## MVR-PCA Social Event

October 22, 2016

### Driving Tour and Dinner

2:00 pm: Meet at Providence Park  
13827 Old US 24  
Grand Rapids, OH. 43522

Jeff Fort will lead the group on a driving tour to Findlay.  
Instructions will be distributed at the park.

Ruth Gulliford will welcome the group in Findlay.  
She describes the location as rustic and outdoorsy!

**Food and beverages provided by Ruth and Jeff.**

5:00 pm: The Pits Rod & Gun Club  
11000 Township Rd. 227  
Findlay, OH. 45840

RSVP:

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MVR/PCA Membership News

August 2016 - Club Member Anniversaries

Rick & Barbara Leaderman	31 Years
Vernos Williamns	30 Years
Christopher Lynn	29 Years
Carl and Greg Armstrong	21 Years
Tom and Deb Isley	18 Years
Douglas and Lita Crocker	17 Years
Bob Cryan and	
Charlotte Chapman	13 Years
Robb and Shellie Mack	12 Years
Mark Gentry	4 Years
Terry Bragg	2 Years
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Maria Angelica Rodriguez	3 Years
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Jeannette Forrester	1 Year



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Primary Members	152
Affiliate Members	114
Total Members	266

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## Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

Check our web site at [www.mvr.pca.org](http://www.mvr.pca.org) for the latest event information.

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### AUGUST

- 11 Business Meeting
- 14 #Cars and Coffee
- 20 Driving Tour

### SEPTEMBER

- 10 Golf Outing, BG Country Club
- 11 #Cars and Coffee

### OCTOBER

- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 13 Business Meeting
- 22 Findlay Rod & Gun Club

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Stewart Planning Party
- 13 #Cars and Coffee

### DECEMBER

- 2 Holiday Party at Glass Pavilion
- 8 Business Meeting

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 7PM.

New or revised events in **BOLD**  
# Non-PCA events.

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## Announcing the new Maumee Valley Region web site.

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On August 1, 2016 MVR lost one of its members. Jay Achenbach joined the club in December of 2013. Jay had recently retired from Libbey Glass. Mr. Achenbach's family requests no flowers or donations.



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## Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

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### 944 Vibration at 3000 Rpm after Water Pump Change

**Question:** I own a 1987 944S and have a vibration problem that at 3000-4000 RPM, I feel a severe vibration through the shift knob. I never felt any vibration until I had the timing and balance shaft belts, rollers, seals and water pump replaced by a local repair shop. When I brought it back there to have them diagnose, they said that everything was aligned correctly. I didn't believe them, so I had the local Porsche dealer check it out, but they offered no solutions. After doing a lot of research, I noticed that the alignment of the balance shafts can be tricky. I pulled off the belt cover and found TDC. I think that the lower balance shaft is 180 degrees out of alignment. The "O" is not visible through the rectangular opening on the cover. From what I understand, I need to remove the sprocket retaining bolt and cover and use a piece of wire to probe into each groove to determine the location of the woodruff key (I suspect the tabs on the back of the sprocket cover were broken off). My question is, can I remove the sprocket retaining bolt without affecting the balance shaft timing?

**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. One of the challenges of owning a 944 is that there are idiosyncracies about the 944 that can only be learned through many years of experience or study of the factory service manual. Unfortunately, quite a few of the mechanics who are experienced with these unique aspects of the 944 engine are retiring and leaving your cars to be worked on by rookies who haven't been properly trained. So, guess what, if you are not lucky, they learn by working (and making mistakes) on your car. If the balance shafts are not timed properly, they will set up a vibration in the engine that usually manifests itself as a buzzing in the shifter at engine speeds between 3000 and 4000 rpm. The 944 engine is essentially a 928 engine that has been cut in half, and, in order to minimize second order vibrations, has two balance shafts installed, one upper shaft and one lower shaft. Those balance shafts rotate at twice the speed of the crankshaft and do a pretty good job of reducing vibration. If you have ever driven a normal four cylinder engine and

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found it to be buzzy, you should be pleased that your 944 engine can be as smooth at a straight six engine, all due to the balance shaft system. Unfortunately, it is a bit tricky to properly time the balance shaft system. If you have to remove the sprockets that drive the shafts, they can be installed incorrectly, due to the design of the sprockets that has two keyways. One keyway is for the upper balance shaft and the other is for the lower balance shaft. Since you have to remove the sprockets before you can remove the rear belt cover, this usually occurs when you renew the front engine seals or when you need to replace the water pump. There is only one page of the 2000 page factory service manual that shows the proper installation of the sprockets on the two balance shafts. That is page 13-4 of Volume 1 (Engine). The experienced 944 mechanics know that the quick way to determine if the balance shafts are properly installed is to remove the belt and to spin the balance shaft. If the sprocket is properly installed, the notch in the sprocket will point to the timing mark in the rear belt cover (roughly at the one o'clock position on the top shaft and the 7 o'clock position on the bottom shaft.) All of the BS sprockets are marked with an "O" for the keyway which should be installed on the upper (ober in German) shaft. The keyway that is unmarked (or marked "U" for uber, German for lower, on early cars) should be installed on the lower shaft. Once the sprockets are installed properly, installing the balance shaft belt is relatively easy. Make sure that the balance shaft belt is properly tensioned, which most mechanics who are not familiar with 944 cars will tension too tight, because of their ignorance and their lack of the proper tensioning tools. A balance shaft belt that is too tight will whine.

### **Very Difficult To Start 1982 928**

**Question:** My 1982 – 928 with 37500 miles is very difficult to start after sitting for a few days, even when in a warm garage. It will sputter for the first few seconds, then will just keep turning over for several minutes and finally start up and run just fine. It seems like what little gasoline is in the injectors will briefly make it fire, but then it seems like it isn't getting any fuel. I've noticed it's worse when parked on a hill with the tail end down hill. Is this a Fuel Pressure Regulator, Fuel Pump or maybe Fuel Filter problem?

**Answer:** Submitted by John Veninger. Sounds like a faulty fuel check valve. A quick check is to have the car sit overnight. Then turn the key and engage the starter for only a second and turn the key off. Do this 2-3 times without starting the car. Then start the car normally. More than likely it's the fuel check valve if it starts right up. I would also change the fuel filter while you're there changing the check valve.

## Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano  
Zone 4 Representative

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Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

It has been a very busy summer for us here in Zone 4, and all of our regions' social calendars are at full speed. There are opportunities to participate in a

multitude of events, whether it's car shows and concours, driving tours and dinners, autocrosses, or DEs.

I recently attended ARPCA's premiere event, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park, the nation's largest vintage race, and one of only two vintage races that occur on public streets in the world, the other being in Monaco. The 3-day event began with a tour through the beautiful countryside of western Pennsylvania concluding at the Kick-Off Welcome Party for visitors from out of town. Everyone attending received a gift from the evening's sponsor PCNA. In addition to the vintage races, there is an international car show, catered meals, and some great prizes. Nearly 200 Porsches participated in the car corral. During the weekend, I

presented the Region President Mark Hanson with items to commemorate ARPCA's 55th Anniversary.

A few weeks later, I attended P20. For the 5th year in a row, the event was held in Granville, Ohio, just east of Columbus. Friday evening there was a reception at Dennison University's College House. Early Saturday morning, with the cooperation from the City of Granville, Broadway Street, the city's main thoroughfare, was transformed into the perfect setting for the nearly 300 Porsches that lined the street. The event sponsored by Stoddard raised money for a number of the region's charities. This year I registered my car and was pleasantly surprised when I tied for 3rd place.

On Sunday, I attended the Zone 4 Concours at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. This is the 3rd year that Zone 4 members have attended this event. The Concours d'Elegance of America is widely regarded as one of the country's best concours events featuring a world class exhibition of classic, rare, and exotic automobiles. The judges for our concours who graciously donated their time to make this event possible, were trained at last year's Zone 4 National Concours Judges School.

A great deal of hard work goes into making these events the successes that they are, and to all of the volunteers, I want you to know that your efforts are not going unnoticed. One of the goals I



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set when I first became Zone Representative was to have Zone 4 regions work together in order to provide even more opportunities for our members, and I was very pleased to see that each of these activities attracted participation from members from regions throughout the zone. The hospitality and camaraderie displayed at these events confirms that we are on the right track.

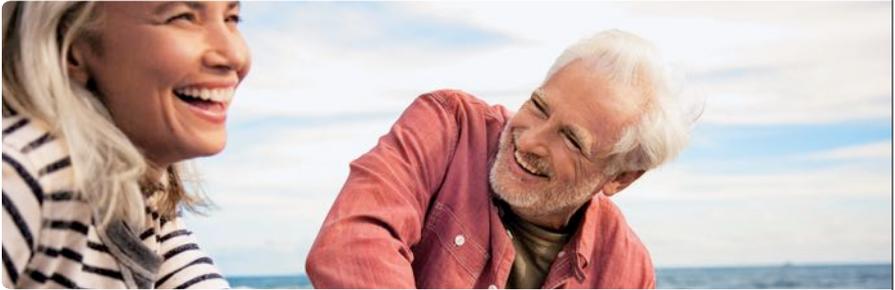
As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the zone. Please remember to check your region's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4; such as:

- On September 2, please join Michiana Region for Porsches to Warsaw, A relaxed car show and street party
- September 10 is Southeast Michigan Region's HPDE at M1 Concourse in Pontiac
- Maumee Valley Region's Golf Scramble and Dinner is September 10
- September 14 is Eastern Buckeye Region's Gervasi Vineyards Cruise-In
- September 17 is Northern Ohio Region's Amish Country Driving Tour Extravaganza

- Motor-Stadt Region's Overnight Trip to Traverse City is September 17-18
- Join Central Indiana Region Sept. 17-18 for the New Harmony "Kunstfest" Weekend
- September 20 is Rally Sport Region's Waterford Hills Track Day
- Allegheny Region's Narcisi Winery Social is September 21
- September 25 is Mid-Ohio Region's 50th Anniversary Celebration at Don Scott Hanger
- Western Michigan Region's Upper Peninsula Drive is September 27-29
- October 1 is Ohio Valley Region's Rallye Porsche Milford

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at events throughout the upcoming year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Michael



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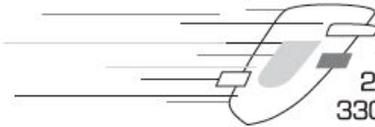
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For Sale: 1984 Porsche 944

Built to NASA GTS 1 specs. Motor built by Steinel's Autoworks, New Clutch, Weltmeister bars, springs & strut brace, Koni Shocks, Wilwood Calipers, Kirk Racing 1.75" DOM weld in cage, MOMO Seat /brace, G-Force 5-point harness & window net, 2 sets of 7" cookie cutter rims w/Kuhmo V710 , 225/50/15 tires (2 sticker tires never mounted), AMB Transponder and much more. Retired from racing in 2007, used it for a few driving events, now need to sell it to make room in the shop. \$5,000.00 firm. Video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/YuSg6h5FxVg>

Rich Brown, (734) 807-0028. Email [rsbrown@bex.net](mailto:rsbrown@bex.net)

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1989 944 S2 – Guards Red/Black Leather, 94500 miles. This is the 3 liter, big torque 944 with 206 HP. After market Alpine Radio with hands free BT/Pandora/Sirius/CD and addition JBL speakers. Interior—everything works, power seats, leather is good, no cracks in dashboard. Exterior—paint is good (minor stone chips, no rust), daily driver in summer, not concours but garaged. All service records since 66,000 miles and some from before. Partial list I've done since 2012—belts/rollers replaced and re-tensioned, clutch, motor mounts, water pump, brakes, plugs, wires, brakes, hatch/hood struts, seals and gaskets, battery along with many other small items. Some slow fluid leaks remain. Goodyear Eagle Sport tires with 8000 miles riding on Konis with sport sway bars. Serviced since 2012 by The Car Port and John Jennens—734-568-6968—has offered to answer any questions about the car. Great and fun car but time to downsize our cars and travel more as retired folks. Asking \$13,500. Call 419 283 5601 after September 7 when I am back in the country.

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For Sale: Pirelli Tires

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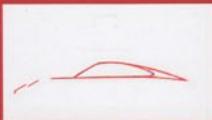
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