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**Photo on cover:** The track Divas  
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## The Open Road

We have reports on two events this issue. First up is a report on the Ladies day at the Grattan DE. The ladies certainly had a lot of fun. The other report is by Rick Lederman on the social event that he and his wife hosted at their house.

Our next event will be the "Minute to Win It" at the Valentines on September 16th. That will be followed by a fall color tour in October, put together by our president, Barney. Both will be a lot of fun. A non-MVR event that always draws a large crowd is the cars and coffee on the second Sunday of the month.

Remember that you can always find up to date information on the Region and the upcoming events by checking the Region web page at [mvr.pca.org](http://mvr.pca.org).

One final note is a reminder that the club is "fueled by volunteers." We are always looking for help in planning or staging our events. If you can support in any way, let Barney or one of the other officers know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

.....the editor



## From The Left Lane

*By Barney Stewart*

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I'm pleased to report our 2017 Grattan drivers education event was a complete success. The Western Michigan weatherman certainly did his part by delivering three, dry sundrenched days, with temps in the 80's. Our final count of 75 participants was an increase of more than 20 drivers over last year's total. The Friday track schedule featured something new this year, a ladies only run group. We had 11 ladies suit up, buckled in, and hit Grattan's 2 mile 12 turn road course. The ladies were on track for three 30 minute sessions. Our gals did remarkably well, improving their skills with each session. Will we have a ladies' only run group in 2018? It remains to be scene, but based on this year's fun factor, I'd say it's a distinct possibility.

The overall success of the event didn't just happen. Rather it's been building for the last three years, thanks in large part to Todd Mierzwiak, Craig Zenil and Tony Calabrese's efforts. Todd, Craig & Tony orchestrate the myriad of details making sure everything "falls" into place on the last weekend in July. The supporting cast, and I apologize if I omit anyone, looks like this: Sarah Mierzwiak / banner, shirts & note cards, Laila Zenil / registration & snacks, Mike and Laura Valentine / door prizes, sponsorships & snacks, John Jennens and crew of Lee Burlingame & Greg Herr / Vehicle Tech, Jim Schoen / paddock support, and special thanks to Alan

Kinker / pit out.

If I may suggest, when you begin planning your 2018 vacation schedule, pencil the word Grattan across the last weekend in July, and join your fellow MVR members for a bit of fun.

Recently PCA National held a conference call that included the 143 region presidents. The primary reason for the call was to approve an auditing committee. There were however a few announcements that I would like to mention.

The 2019 Porsche Parade will be held in Boca Raton Florida, at the Waldorf Astoria, dates to be announced. That's certainly within our MVR driving range. The 2018 Parade will be held in Lake of the Ozarks Missouri, at the Tan-Tar-A Resort, July 8th-14th.

PCA plans to contact new members shortly after they join the club if they fail to name an associate member. PCA's objective is to focus on increasing overall club membership, by asking new members to take a second look at this opportunity to name a spouse or other family member.

PCA Juniors is a new program for Porsche enthusiasts under age 18. Participants must be registered by an active PCA member. They will receive a special publication, as The PCA reaches out to the next generation of club leadership.

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I'm pleased to announce that Charlotte Chapman has assumed the position of MVR Membership Chairperson. Charlotte's outgoing personality and excellent communication skills are a perfect fit for the membership position. Please join me in welcoming Charlotte.

Next up on our social calendar is the "Minute to Win It" party at Mike and Laura Valentine's home. It promises more than a few laughs, see you there.

Take care,  
Barney.

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## **DIVAS ON THE TRACK**

*by Charlotte Chapman-Cryan*

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Grattan Raceway opened its sweeping turns and S curved arms for the inaugural "Ladies Only" track event at the Maumee Valley Region PCA DE on Friday, July 28th. On a perfect summer day with the sun peeking through the clouds, eleven ladies donned their long sleeved pink driving shirts sporting "Track Diva" on the back to attend the 8:15 mandatory driver's meeting.

Long time track veteran and instructor, Craig Zenil, welcomed the "Divas" along with the other drivers to review the schedule and rules of the track. Two classroom sessions were scheduled for the new drivers. The first session included: review of the track, passing rules, the meaning of the different flags, and safety. For most of the ladies it was their first time participating in a DE and there were so many things to learn and remember. Talking about flying around the track is easy; doing it is a different matter, but that is how we started.

The ladies gathered at the main

building for pictures and a last minute pep talk to ease the jitters of the new driving experience. All we could think about was wrecking the car or running off the track. The track instruction began with several laps around the track with veteran DE instructors driving and pointing out the best lines, turning in points and breaking points. It was then time for the ladies to take over the driving and try their skills on the track. Most ladies were excited, apprehensive and cautious for the first track session. You could hear nervous giggles and sighs of concern as they entered the track with thoughts of "I don't want to wreck my car" swimming in their heads.

The comments flew and the relief on their faces shown as the ladies emerged from their cars after making it through the first driving session. Many comments included "That was scary!", "There is a lot to know", "Wow, that was fun", "How fast did I go?", "We get to do this again!!"

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Let me tell you about after lunch.... The second classroom session was a debriefing of the first run on the track, braking and throttle, and any questions. The chatter and excitement was evident throughout the room. There were questions about how to break before a turn, when to put on the throttle, how to get through the S curves and acceleration down the straightaway. Everyone was excited to get back out on the track. All the ladies were more relaxed and focused for the second track session. The ladies were empowered by the calm, patient and encouraging guidance given by their instructors. The ladies drove faster, got closer to the target apex and track lines and had BLAST!!!

The final 30 minute track session seemed to fly by as the ladies honed their skills around the track. Many felt the exhilaration of going a 100+ miles per hour down the straightaway, passing others and gliding through the S curves. Before we knew it, the checkered flag appeared and it was time to exit the track :(

After leaving the track, we gathered to discuss the track experience with each other and the instructors. The chatter was filled with excitement and pride as the ladies described their trials and accomplishments on the track. Everyone had a wonderful time and learned what it is like to travel at high speeds, try to master the track, keep safe and have fun!

We all agreed that the Ladies Only

session was a great success and should be continued in the future. We also encourage other ladies to participate in DE sessions because you learn a lot about your car, how to properly drive on the track (which carries over to daily driving), what the guys are talking about and have FUN! Other PCA regions may also want to adopt a ladies only day at the track too. A big THANKS goes out to Tony, Craig, Todd, Sarah and Laila for coordinating the event!!



Chief Instructor Craig discussing the track rules with the Divas



The Divas were all smiles when their runs finished.

Photos by Ron Gargas



Maumee Valley Region Hosts  
Multi-Region Social Event

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**A Tech Quiz will be held at our dinner location:**

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## RC cars and Autocross at the Ledermans

by Rick Lederman



We had 35 cars (I think) with 54 people, pretty good. We had the racing simulator from [www.eleetus.com](http://www.eleetus.com). Those that drove it donated \$10 to a 50/50 which Ferrari owner Rich Crosser won. The other \$66 went to JD RF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). One of the PCA Instructors that shall remain nameless (Todd Mierzwiak) managed to land the racing simulator upside down!



Hosts Rick and Barb Lederman



Lee Burlingame testing his skills on the simulator



A few of the cars on the lawn

Photos by Rick Lederman and Craig Zenil

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MVR/PCA Membership News

August 2017 - Club  
Member Anniversaries

Rick and Barbara	
Leaderman	32 Years
Vernos and Mei Mei	
Williamns	31 Years
Tom and Deb Isley	19 Years
Douglas and Lita Crocker	18 Years
Bob Cryan and	
Charlotte Chapman	14 Years
Robb and Shellie Mack	13 Years
Mark and Joshua Gentry	5 Years
Constanzo and	
Maria Angelica Rodriguez	4 Years
Terry Bragg and	
Linda Shade	3 Years
Dave Niemic	3 Years
Jeannette Forrester	2 Years
Bahu Shaikh	1 Year
Charles Stansley	1 year



New Members

Jim Sheely of Toledo  
Driving a Gray 2009 Cayenne S

David Swanson of Bryan  
Driving 2017 911 Carrera Cabriolet

Maumee Valley Region  
Membership:

Primary Members	155
Affiliate Members	108
Total Members	263

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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.

## AUGUST

- 12 Tour to Findlay followed by picnic  
#13 Cars and Coffee

## SEPTEMBER

- #10 Cars and Coffee  
16 Party at Valentine's  
20-24 PCA Treffen Asheville, NC

## OCTOBER

- #8 Cars and Coffee  
22 Color Tour to Irish Hills

## NOVEMBER

- 11 2018 Planning meeting at Schoen's  
#12 Cars and Coffee

## DECEMBER

- 1 Holiday Party (MVR 45th Anniversary)

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 7PM (Dates TBD).

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## Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

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Taken from PCA Tech Q&A

Edited and Compiled by Mike Valentine

### Alternator Charging Question – 1992 968

**Question:** I recently bought a 968 with a charging issue. I am attempting to be a new DIY'er rather than take it to the shop at every issue and although I have poured through the forums i could still use some help. For background, the previous owner made me aware of the issue, said the alternator tested good and that he replaced the positive battery cable. The car has a winter garage charger that allows the car to be run for 30min before dying. When it is running, it is running good.

My MM shows the Batt voltage is fine at 12.6V but when running drops to 12V and 10.2V under heavy load. There is no significant voltage drop at the battery posts and they are all clean. However, from the batt positive to the engine block or the alternator housing I get 12,6V. I disconnected the lead/ground from the alternator and get 0.1V from the batt positive to the end of the alt lead cable and 0V on the ground, which I believe means there is no significant voltage drop in the wiring harness and that it is good.

So, does that mean the alternator is bad? Or any chance it could be the voltage regulator and can that be replaced without removal of the alternator? Or are there any other tests that I should run to confirm what's going on?

**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. If your system is not at 13.5 to 14.0 volts while running, your alternator is not doing its job.

Remove the alternator from your car and take it to an auto parts supplier who can test it for you. While it may be a voltage regulator, replacing the regulator is almost as expensive as replacing the entire alternator. Replace the alternator if it fails the test and enjoy your car without worrying about that subsystem.

### Break In Procedure – 2017 718 Cayman S

**Question:** Is there a break in procedure for my 2017 Cayman S? I don't see anything in the I manual.

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. I found the following in the iManual for the 2017 Cayman 718:

The moving parts of a new vehicle must be run in. The parts require the first 2,000 miles (3,000 km) for this purpose. The oil and fuel consumption may be somewhat higher than normal during this period.

During the running-in period, drive as follows:

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- Preferably take long trips. Avoid frequent cold starts with short-distance driving whenever possible.
- Avoid full throttle starts and abrupt stops.
- Do not participate in motorsport events, sports driving training or similar events.
- Avoid high engine speeds of 4,000 rpm or more. Drive at low engine speeds when the engine is cold.
- Do not let the engine labor, especially when driving uphill. Shift to the next lower gear in time (use the most favorable rpm range).
- Never lug the engine in high gear at low speeds. This rule applies at all times, not just during the break-in period.

There may be a slight stiffness in the steering gear-shifting or other controls during the break-in period which will gradually disappear.

Happy Porsche'ing,

### **Performance Mods & HP Gains – 2009 911 Carrera S**

**Question:** I've owned my 2009 911 Carrera S since 2012 and have been loving life behind the wheel ever since. During the past five years of P-Car ownership I have had the good fortune to participate in a couple of instructor led track days, one at the Porsche Experience Center and one with Audi Sport at Atlanta Motor Sports Park. Over time I have become much more comfortable behind the wheel, and while the 3.8L engine with 6 speed manual transmission is a kick to drive, I am looking for ways to squeeze out some additional HP. Based upon your knowledge of these cars, and your experience with performance modification improvements, do you have any recommendations? Or are you of the belief that Porsche engineered these cars to be all they can be with the stock set up and that the best advice would be to look at a GTS or Turbo?

Thank you in advance for addressing my questions.

**Answer:** Submitted by Dustin AYDT [SVR]. Porsche has done an amazing job at making their engines perform at extraordinary levels. Unfortunately, this means there is not much room for improvement without spending substantial money. All of Porsche's late-model N/A cars perform very close to their maximum capacity without sacrificing drivability. Additional HP is difficult to find and comes at quite a price. If you are looking for a substantial increase in power/response you will need to upgrade to an X51 kit (\$20K+) or purchase a later model vehicle that already makes more power. A 997 Turbo will also give you an instant increase in performance and has much more potential for tuning. The cheapest way to go faster on the track is to invest in a set of track tires with low treadwear ratings and loads of mechanical grip. A good set of tires is the easiest performance upgrade you can make.

## Around the Zone

*By Michael Soriano, Zone 4 Representative*



Greetings PCA  
Zone 4 Members,

The summer  
months offer Zone  
4 members a  
variety of  
opportunities for  
enjoying their cars  
as well as  
fellowship and

camaraderie. I was recently able to attend a unique event that fabulously combined both of these aspects and made for a wonderful day. The event was Southeast Michigan Region's Progressive Dinner. On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, a large group of us met at a member's lakeside home for appetizers. After a safety meeting, we were given directions to the next stop. We took a 45 minute drive through some winding twisty roads before arriving at the 2nd stop where our entrée was being served. We all enjoyed the delicious catered food along with lively conversation. Many members sat outside by the pool, while others strolled through the beautifully manicured gardens. After another meeting, we were given directions to the next stop where dessert was being served. Upon arrival we were greeted by the owner's 911 turbo in graphite blue metallic, his orange GT3 RS and his Guards Red GT4, plus another exotic car lining the driveway. It was a fantastic evening, and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time

with a wonderful group of people.

In addition to driving tours and DEs, many regions host autocross events. Michiana, Eastern Buckeye, and Mid Ohio Regions host autocross events nearly every month through September or October. Autocross is a great way to test and sharpen your driving skills for a very nominal fee, and it gives you a wonderful opportunity for a day socializing with other PCA members. There are also a number of car show events coming up including the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Auto Museum, Red Brick Reunion in Oxford, Carmel Artomobilia, and Rallye Porsche Milford in Southern OH. 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:

- Rally Sport Region's Club Meeting at Karl's Cabin is August 1
- August 4-6 is Allegheny Region's DE at Pitt Race
- Join Western Michigan Region on

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- August 5 for the Red Barn Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
- Mid-Ohio Region's Instructed HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is August 11-13
- August 12 is Maumee Valley Region's Tour to Findlay
- Michiana Region's Autocross at TireRack in South Bend is August 12
- Join Ohio Valley Region members on August 12 for the Switzerland County Tour
- August 13 is Eastern Buckeye Region's Autocross at Kent Trumbell
- Northern Ohio Region's Annual Rib Burn-off is August 19

- August 20 is Southeast Michigan Region's Annual Family Picnic and Concours
- Central Indiana Region's Carmel Artomobilia Charity Car Show is August 26
- August 26 is Motor-Stadt Region's Gimmick Rally: Getting to know Clinton and Gratiot County

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the 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,  
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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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**For Sale: 1985 1/2 Porsche 944**

1985 1/2 Porsche 944, guards, red, black interior, 46,000 miles, original and unrestored, PCA national winner, 1st place at dozens of juried AACA and CCCA shows. Always serviced at Steinel's Autoworks. I have all of the records. Insured with Hagerty for \$27,000 asking \$24,000 OBO. This car must be seen to be appreciated. Pictures available. contact Frank Vitale at 216-409-0696, Aurora, Ohio 44202.

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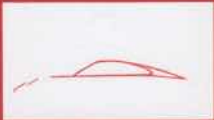
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