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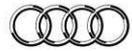
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**Photo on cover:** Group shot from the Holiday Party.

*Photo by Tom Isley*

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*Looking Ahead!*

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## Moving??

Please drop Rich Brown (rsbrown@bex.net) our Membership Chairman, or myself a note with your old & new address so you don't miss an issue of *Der RÜCKSPIEGEL*.

## Schnell Fahrspur

By Todd Mierzwiak



I want to wish all of our club members a Happy Holidays this season. I hope that everyone had a safe year and pray that 2010 brings the best for everyone. Over the past few weeks we have had a lot going on in the club

event wise.

First, we had the Christmas get together at the Hilton Inn at Levis Commons. The turnout was very good with approximately 45 of our members in attendance. Everyone had a great time who attended. We even had some “new faces” we haven’t seen in a while. We had an excellent evening with great food, camaraderie, and some fun stories over the course of the evening. We even handed out quite a number of small door prizes to members. A number of awards for Enthusiast of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and the MVP award were handed out to some well deserving folks. The Sorianos cleaned up with a couple of awards, along with Jeff Vollmar. You can see some of the pictures of the evening on our website along with a group shot. We ended up collecting \$750 for Toys for Tots with the help of some matching funds from the nice folks at Vin Devers. I would like to thank Jeanne Krauser again for all of the

hard work she’s done coordinating these events.

Last week we got together for dinner and a business meeting at El Camino Real. We are going to have a get together planning meeting at Chris & Jeanne Krauser’s on Saturday, January 23. We would like to see as many faces as possible to get ideas on what the members would like to do in 2010. Mark your calendars for that Saturday!

We are going back in 2010 to Mid Ohio for our annual Driver Education event. The board has been looking at alternative tracks, as well as moving the dates back to warmer weather. Mid Ohio has agreed to cut its cost next year and the board has agreed that we will go back next year. We will continue to look at alternatives going forward.

On another note, Roy Wilkinson will be handing over the reins to Ron Carr as the new Zone 4 representative. I have had the privilege of working with and getting to know Roy a little better over this past year. He has done a fantastic job of coordinating the various regions along with getting PCA information out to each of us. I haven’t had an opportunity of meeting Ron yet, but I’m sure he will do an excellent job of serving

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## The Dubai Journal

by Bob Cryan

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The time seems to fly by here as we experience so many new vistas. Since the last edition of the Dubai Journal we have had multiple guests from Toledo, Nampa, Idaho and our kids from Chicago. We've travelled to Cairo, Egypt/Luxor and to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Where will we go next and who will be the next to visit us? This time of year here is the best with daily temperatures in the 75-85 degree range and sun always present.

Oh, yes, enough bragging and on to the travel scenarios. Our flight to Cairo originated in Abu Dhabi as I had to work at our campus there for several days before the trip began on October 29th. Seats for the Abu Dhabi Formula I race were sold out so we did not get to go to it at the end of the trip as planned, hence the departure from Abu Dhabi. Arrival in Cairo at 5:30PM is a real kick. Traffic is hectic and cab riding is a bizarre experience. We met my sister and her husband at the airport and headed to our hotel. A relaxed dinner and drinks were the order of the evening before an early bedtime in anticipation of a long day to come. The hotel was quite modest and breakfast delightful. Our private tour - guide met us early on Friday and we were off to the National Museum where we spent several hours viewing antiquities ranging from mummies to pottery

and hieroglyphics. The museum itself is a disgrace - poorly lit, cramped displays and filthy dirty. The artifacts are incredible! Being amidst the remains of millennia old cultures creates feelings of wonderment and awe. One cannot help thinking about how insignificant our own culture is relative to time and that of the people living in Egypt over 5000 years ago. We were encouraged to be told that the Egyptian government has nearly completed a new museum to house all of these relics in proper environments. Next it was on to the Pyramids of Giza, a drive from downtown Cairo of about 45 minutes. Along the way we wove through the numerous little villages of the Cairo suburbs glimpsing the many apartment/homes of the average local population surviving in a huge metropolitan environment selling their goods in a multiple complex of shops and alleys alongside dirt roads with speeding cars, trucks and motorbikes creating endless dust and dirt. Following a short side trip to a shop where the ancient art of making papyrus was demonstrated, we arrived at the pyramids, a sight spectacular in its own right, but surprisingly stark and bare with no grass or greenery including trees within miles of the location. We really expected the surrounding area to be a showcase. That it was not! These pictures show the three

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**Maumee Valley Region 2010 Calendar of Events**

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

**JANUARY 2010**

23 Planning Meeting at the  
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**January 2010 Planning Meeting**

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## Porsches to Oxford

July 24th -26th

By Pete and Deb MacDonald

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Once again, Deb and I drove to one of our Favorite Porsche events. P2O! I spent 2 weeks getting the Boxster ready. I pulled each wheel off the car, cleaned it, clayed and then polished the inside of the rims with my Griot's random orbital and then I used the Paint Sealant to finish each wheel. (This is beginning to look like a Griot's Garage ad!)

Not that I'm OCD but I also cleaned and painted the wheel bolts to match the car!!! It looked GREAT! Then, Saturday morning as I was backing out of the garage, it started to rain. Rained all the way to Findlay, stopped for a while and started raining again on and off all the way down to Oxford (so much for my clean car!).

However, it didn't seem to matter, 409 Porsches did show up. Can you imagine? 409 out of 500 came out to play in the rain. Every time it stopped raining, there were guys drying their cars (which made it rain all over again!).

Friday night there was a P2O welcome party at Buffalo Wild Wings. Saturday morning parking opened at 6:30 am with breakfast offered by the local Kiwanis Club. Registration opened at 8:00 and every ½ hour Marty Reich called out car numbers for the door prizes. They

gave out over \$5000 in door prizes donated by the sponsors.

We arrived in Oxford about 10:30 and had to park on a side street just off the town square. What a great location! We were pre-registered. My car number was 246 (and I had pre-registered). Marty, the MC did a great job keeping everyone informed on what was happening next. The Major Sponsors were Griot's Garage, Porsche of the Village, Autobahn Extremist and Forgeline Motorsports. All were giving 10-20% off anything purchased at the event. Yes, I did buy and buy!!! How could I pass up such a great deal!!!

Oxford is a great place to have this event. All the stores and restaurants were open and giving discounts to P2O participants. Many were boutique stores. As you all know, P-car people love talking about their cars and there was plenty to talk about. Most were right out of the showroom stock; however, some were heavily modified for the track or personal use. Around 3-4 pm they presented the awards (cars chosen by their peers) and they also drew for door prizes. The prizes ranged from \$20-30 pre-paid gas cards to Garmin GPS's!!! About 4 pm anyone that wanted to take a ride up into Hueston Woods State Park lined up on High Street

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pyramids and the Sphinx that we have all seen in our world history books. It is hard to fathom how such an ancient civilization could muster the technology and manpower to construct these stone monuments. The pictures speak for themselves. Our guide narrated the



efforts to bring all of the granite building blocks from as far away as 300 miles. Listening to this tale of enormity causes one to be incredulous! Although all of the pyramids had burial chambers hidden within, only one chamber in the largest pyramid was open for viewing. All of the artifacts found

there and in all others had either been looted, appropriated by the British archeologists, or removed to the Egyptian museums.

Saturday morning early, we flew to Luxor, (known to the Greeks as Thebes) south of Cairo on the Nile River. Landing at the small airport revealed a major change in environment. Cairo is a huge, really quite ugly, bustling city stark with the remnants of decaying Russian architecture. Luxor is small, beautiful, lazy, colorful and beckoning.

Again, we were met by a tour guide who took us to our hotel to check in and then off to the huge Karnak Temple complex followed



by the Temple of Luxor. As in Cairo, we were amazed by the feats of construction of these temples as you can see in the pictures. Food in Luxor is outstanding and our lunches and dinner were more

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## Bill and Linda's Big Adventure or to Maine without a Map

by *Bill Roan*

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Saturday Sept 19 on the Ohio turnpike and already a dilemma, stay on I80 or I90 thru Cleveland. Opps, I guess were going on 90 .We were going to stay in downtown Buffalo but it seems some team called the Bills were in town for a home game. So, back on the road again until we found a place to stay. Sunday on the New York thru way doing 77 mph and the tach at an easy 3000rpm and being passed by everything with four wheels plus a car carrier, time to pick up the pace. Monday, it's really Maine! Warm, sunny and time to put the top down. Lobster rolls everywhere. Let the eating begin. Portland is a great waterfront with cruise ships and restaurants. First stop is a retired car ferry restaurant for a bit of lunch.

Plenty of motels this time of year, after the tourist and before the leaf people. Another tank of Gulf gas and on up the coast to meet some new friends in Port Clyde . Took pictures of President Bush's house in Kennebunkport and the lighthouse that Forest Gump ran to. The lighthouse in the background is same lighthouse that is on the Maine quarter. Bath Maine is where the ship building is and Camden is the jewel of the sea, with schooners and lobster boats buoyed in the bay. Drove 2300 miles and the Porsche was flawless except on the way back in Cleveland got a stone chip in the windshield, but so worth the trip.

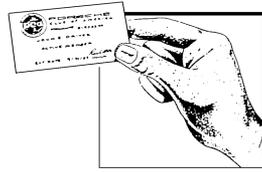
Bill Roan



**MVR/PCA Membership News**

**December 2009 - Club  
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## MVR 2010 Points

Coming in 2010 will be a new point system.

The dedicated team of Chris Krauser and Bill Bauman have been working to revamp the points system. The changes will be published here when the changes are finalized.

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and drove up and around one of the Crown Jewels of the Ohio Park Service. Great ride!

Sunday, Scenic Road Rallies ran an event through the hills of southern Ohio. I hear all participants had a great time. We plan on entering next year.

Once again, if you haven't been to P2O, you should put it on your calendar for next year. Go to [porschesh2oxford.com](http://porschesh2oxford.com), past events, P2O 2009 and check out all the pictures and events. If you come across an Arctic Silver Boxster with a rear luggage rack, it's mine.

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than memorable. The next morning we traveled across the Nile to see the eerie chambers of the Valley of the Kings, the burial grounds in the mountains west of Luxor. You can



see in the pictures that we snuck how ornately even the walls inside the mountain were decorated.



Returning early to the hotel we refreshed in the cold pool and then headed off for an evening Nile River cruise

on a small sailboat and then back on shore to explore the outdoor markets. Late in the evening we headed to the airport for the return flight to Cairo. We stayed at the Cairo airport hotel for a very short night and flew back to Abu Dhabi arriving Monday afternoon. I had to work the next day but Charlotte gave my sister and her husband a tour of the city including the very, very, very large Sheikh Zayed Mosque pictured next and the spectacular Emirates Palace Hotel

where one can be dazzled by hotel opulence and equally crazy prices. The best part of visiting Emirates



Palace hotel is viewing the scale model of the Sadiyat Island complex which will be home to Abu Dhabi's own Louvre Museum, Guggenheim Museum, Performing Arts Center and Maritime Museum, all expected to be completed before 2030. The pictures here do not do justice to this marvel of a complex.



That is it for now. Hope all had a great Thanksgiving. We will report next on the trip to Kuala Lumpur! Until then Happy Holidays to all from Dubai.



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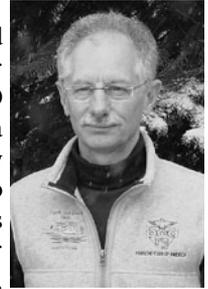
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Thanks to Pete and Deb MacDonald for the story on P20 and Bill and Linda Roan for the story on their trip to Maine. And thanks to Bob Cryan for the Dubai Journal, our inside world traveler sharing his & Charlotte's experiences. It makes my job easier when I have great material to work with!

I received a little inside information concerning the new points system. Members will be getting points for submitting stories for publication. For those of you desiring a high point count, a story or two will certainly help. Because this is from a source that wishes to remain anonymous I cannot verify how true the information is but this is a trusted source.

Be sure to attend the planning meeting in January if you have any ideas on events for 2010. We are always looking of ideas.

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

*.....the editor*



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as the Zone 4 representative.

I will have the opportunity of serving as the MVR President again in 2010. I look forward to serving the club going forward.

I wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year. Good Cheer.

Todd



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