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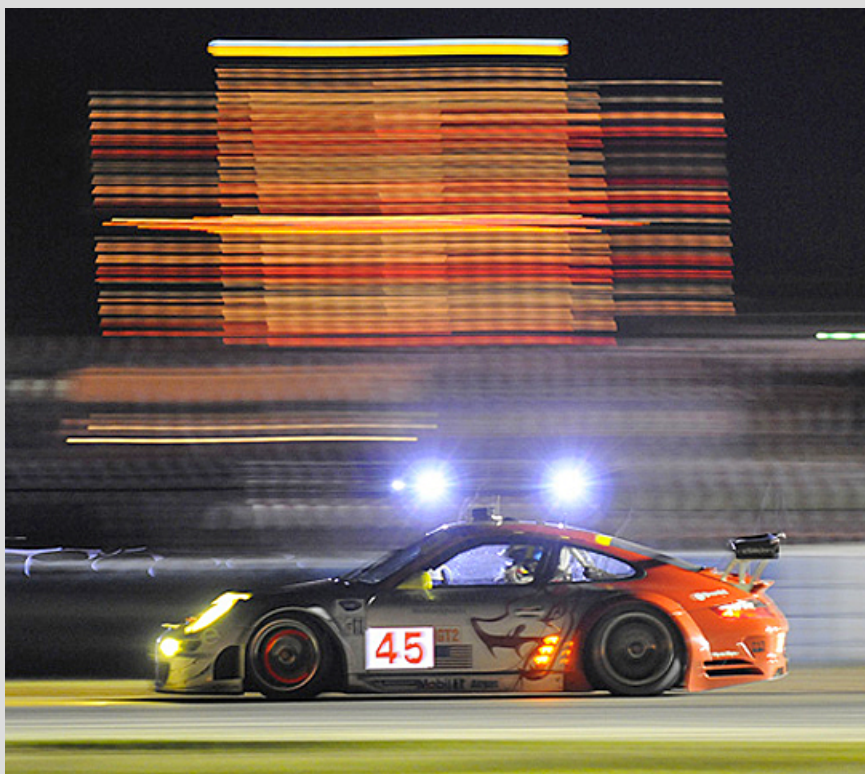
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**Photo on cover:** Flying Lizard's No. 45 at the 12 Hours of Sebring  
*Photo by Bob Chapman*

### **Vorschall!**

*Looking Ahead!*

### **JANUARY 2011**

29 Planning meeting

### **FEBURARY 2011**

TBD Watch your email for additional information

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## Schnell Fahrspur

By Todd Mierzwiak



This will be my last President's column as we usher in Michael Soriano as our new President for 2011. We also have a new Vice President and Secretary along with chair

positions. Next year promises to be an exciting time. The time has flown by as it seems like yesterday we were at the Krauser's having our annual first of the year planning meeting. I have greatly enjoyed serving in this capacity for the past two years. It goes without saying that this club wouldn't exist without the vibrant people who get involved on a regular basis.

We will be getting together on January 29 for our annual planning meeting to set events for 2011. Please mark your calendars & let Jeanne know what you are bringing as a dish. I hope to see lot of faces.

Most everyone has read or heard that Sarah & I had the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Bob & Charlotte Cryan over in Dubai for two weeks. We traveled to Abu Dhabi & spent three days at the Abu Dhabi Formula 1 race. The four of us got to enjoy the practice sessions on Saturday including the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge. The track and facilities were like nothing I've ever seen before. It was amazing to meet peo-

ple from all over the world who came for the race. I never knew what a following this sport has. Over the course of two weeks we got to see & travel to the top of the tallest building in the world (Burj Khalifa), see a downhill indoor ski slope in the middle of a mall, see one of the world's largest mosques in Abu Dhabi and visit countless other interesting sites. We even got to go out into the desert in a Toyota Land Cruiser to see the sun set and go to a desert camp to eat and see belly dancing.

I wanted to mention that the Detroit Auto Show will be opening January 15-23, 2011 at the Cobo Hall. Porsche will be coming back to the show after a three year absence. Hopefully they bring a huge cadre of new vehicles to the show!

Porsche has unveiled yet another new car to its lineup, the Cayman R. This is a lighter, faster, more purposeful vehicle than the "standard Cayman". The company continues to innovate and segment its line of cars

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### **JANUARY 2011**

29 Planning meeting

### **FEBURARY 2011**

TBD Details to be posted on the MVR web page.

The planning meeting will soon be upon us. This will be your opportunity to volunteer to host or plan an event in 2011. Be sure to watch this space for more information.

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### **January 29 6:30 pm Planning Meeting at the Krausers**

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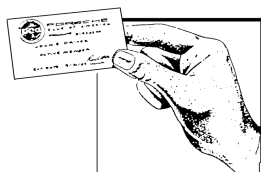
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## MVR/PCA Membership News

### December 2010 - Club Member Anniversaries

Jack and Linda Mechel	25 years
Richard and Susan Brown	23 years
Chris and Jeanne Krauser	14 years
Dave Kienzle	12 Years
Richard and Barbara Nolen	11 years
Tom and Millie Woodruff	10 years
Dan and Stephanie Cruikshanks	8 years
Douglas and Leah Hileman	7 years
Peter and Deborah Macdonald	7 years
Gene and Kathleen Aufderhaar	5 years
Paul Callaghan	5 years
Todd and Sarah Mierzwiak	5 years
Bradley and Louise White	4 years
Geoff Wright	4 Years
Mark and Paula Baker	3 years
Michael and Renee Carson	3 years



### New Members

None to report this month.

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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

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If you are not currently receiving Social Event e-mail updates, Please contact Lisa at  
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## MVR 2010 Point Totals as of 11/1/2010

The new year will be starting soon.  
Points will start with the Planning Meeting.



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## Let's take a "brake"

by Pedro P. Bonilla (GCR PCA)

First let's start with the basics.

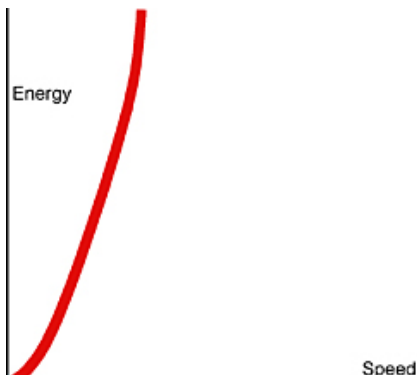
What is a brake?

By definition, a brake is a device for slowing or stopping the motion of a machine or a vehicle, or alternatively a device to restrain it from starting again.

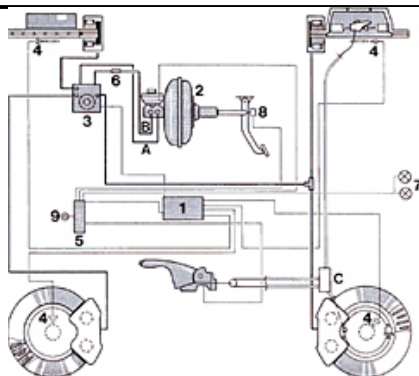
Following the fact that energy is never lost or created, only transformed, the energy that the car while in motion, called kinetic energy, is transformed into heat by the friction created between the rotor and the brake pads.

This energy increases exponentially with the speed of the vehicle, so if you double the vehicle's speed, the energy quadruples, if you triple it, the energy gets multiplied by 9 and so forth.

You can see how the graph looks. The kinetic energy lost by the moving part is usually translated to heat by friction.



The kinetic energy increases with the mass of the vehicle ( $m$ ) and



with the square of the velocity ( $E = m \cdot v^2$ ). This means that as the speed ( $v$ ) of the vehicle doubles, it has 4 times more energy and the brakes must therefore dissipate four times as much energy to stop, therefore using 4 times more distance.

This is perfectly illustrated in this Bob Chapman photo of Flying Lizard's No. 45 at the 12 Hours of Sebring a from couple of years ago. Notice how the front rotors start to glow red at the end of the long straights.



The racecar's kinetic energy being transformed into thermal energy (heat) that can actually be seen.

Porsche Brakes are legendary!

To put it into context: The Special Edition Boxster RS 60 with 303 HP can accelerate from 0-60 mph in 5.0 seconds (that's quite a feat) ... yet it

can decelerate from 60-0 mph in 3.4 seconds! (that's a greater feat).

Braking Power in a Porsche is several times greater than the power output of it's flat 6 engine.

Our cars now come with standard four-piston-monoblock-aluminum-fixed-calipers front and rear and cross-drilled and vented discs (also called rotors).

As far as brakes go, it doesn't get much better than that, unless ... you dish out another \$9,000 and get the same brakes that the Carrera GT came with: PCCB (Porsche Ceramic Composite Brakes).

### Porsche Brakes Misconception

All Porsches come with Brembo



Brakes. You can't imagine how many times people, even Porsche owners, who look at my wheels have said: "You've upgraded your brakes!... You installed Brembos". That couldn't be further from the truth. ALL modern Porsches come with factory Brembo brakes. If you don't believe me, go look at your calipers.

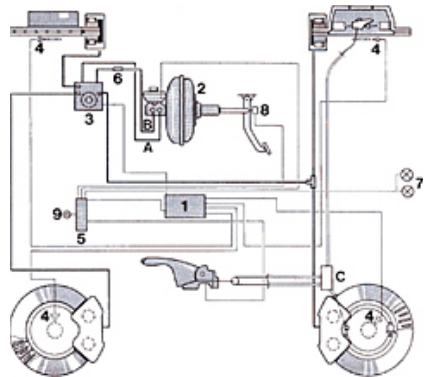
Let's get a little deeper into the brakes now.

This illustration isolates the Braking System in our cars, showing all the braking components involved.

You can see that at each corner you have a set of calipers with pads hovering over the disc and they are all connected through a system of mostly hard and some flexible lines to a pump that gets actuated by the brake pedal.

The ABS, or Anti-Locking Brake System) which all of our cars also have is a secondary system which operates in tandem with the Brake System.

It's basically a safety feature in modern cars that doesn't allow any one of the tires to lock up under heavy or panic braking.



There's the:

1- ABS Control Unit which monitors each wheel's speed compared to the other three.

2- Brake Unit which is made up of the Brake Booster and Master Cylinder

3- ABS Hydraulic Unit

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4- ABS Speed Sensors, one in each corner which sample each wheel's individual speed and sends the information to the Central Information System

5- Central Information System

6- Brake Proportioning Valve

7- Brake Lights

8- Brake Light Switch

9- ABS Warning Light  
1- ABS control unit

As we explained before, a great amount of heat is generated when stopping the car.

Because of that the rotors are internally ventilated, forcing cool air through the inside of the rotors as they rotate. The cars also have cooling ducts to direct oncoming air directly to the front brakes, which generate the most heat because they do the most work.



If you would like additional information on Porsche Brakes, other components, and many DIY Projects, please visit my website at: [www.PedrosGarage.com](http://www.PedrosGarage.com).

Happy Porsche'ing,

Pedro

*Part 2 of Lets Take a Brake will continue next month*

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 Ron Carr, Zone 4 Rep.



I would like to celebrate the return of Porsche A.G. to the North American International Auto Show being held in Detroit, Michigan at the Cobo Hall Conference & Exhibition Center Jan. 15-23, 2011. They have been absent from the show since 2007 but have decided to return in 2011. The show opens to the public on Saturday, January 15th, 2011. Porsche has announced that it will be introducing a new concept car at the show, which will make it a very special event to attend for all of the Porschephiles in our Club.

I thought it would be fun to plan a gathering at the Porsche Display around noon on Saturday for a Zone 4 "Meet and Greet", look at the cars, take some photos, and generally provide some support for our friends at PCNA and the local dealerships. Because of the distance to Detroit for many Zone 4 members, you may want to plan a weekend trip to the Motor City. I am helping by coordinating the following weekend events for those individuals and regions that would like to make this a "weekend destination event":

There is a block of rooms for Zone 4 PCA members at the Dearborn Inn (Marriott) near the Henry Ford Museum. The block is for 10 rooms on Friday, January 14th and 20 rooms on Saturday, January 15th. The rate is \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservation cutoff date is 5:00pm on December 30th and the room block will be listed as Porsche

Club (group code-prcprca). Contact The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48124 USA, Phone: 1-313-271-2700, Fax: 1-313-271-7464.

There will be Shuttle Bus service provided by the Auto Show to and from Cobo Hall leaving from the parking lot of the Henry Ford Museum (across the street from the Dearborn Inn). The shuttle will run every half hour all day and will drop off and pick up at the door of Cobo Hall. Cost should be under \$10 per person. This will save you from parking downtown and dealing with traffic.

Dinner gathering on Saturday Evening around 7:00 PM for all Zone 4 members (Individual Pay), location either at the Dearborn Inn, or a restaurant close by the hotel.

Optional self-guided tour of the Henry Ford Museum and/or Automotive Hall of Fame on Sunday before returning home. If you have not been to the Henry Ford, you owe it to yourself and family to make the trip at least once in your lifetime.

Several regions have done this as a very successful event weekend in the past- it can be a great family weekend adventure in the midst of winter. I will leave the details of travel to and from the event to each region to organize what their membership might like to do. Let me know if you

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*By Diane and Jim Schoen*

DE. Drivers Education. Did Jim & I know what we were getting ourselves into? Well, we would soon learn as we were on our way to Mid-Ohio to try our hands, feet, minds and the Cayenne to our very first Drivers Education!

Saturday, October 30th 5:30 am came very quickly. We were up and at breakfast where we ran into Deb, Alan, Jeff, and Todd. Were we ready? Why did everyone keep asking us that??? We followed Todd to the track, not sure where we were heading. How awesome being here at Mid-Ohio after hearing everyone talk about the course for the last several years that we have been members.

First was tech out. We got the Cayenne checked in by Alan Kinker, got our run packet with the event schedule from Tom Woodruff and drank lots of coffee and hot chocolate because it was freezing out at 7am! Jim and I both chose to drive the Cayenne so we had to alternate, Jim in group two, myself in group one. Off to drivers school. We sat in class listening to Mark Hopkins give us pointers and tips. What the different color flags meant, how to let drivers pass you, keep your windows down....windows down! Did he not know the temperature outside today?

We walked around and looked at all the cars and watched some as groups three and four made their way around the course, and then it was

here...1030 am and Jim was up! Oh jeeze please don't wreck my car! I watched as he went by wondering what he was feeling, well before I knew it I was waiting in the pit for my turn. Buckled in, helmet on, window down, seat in correct position, Fred Giaimo at my side (thank goodness for the headset, didn't expect that). I inched forward to await my turn for Alan to give me the wave and go. My pulse rate is feeling a little quicker than I remember it being, I think I even started to sweat though it was like 30 some degrees outside! Could I do this? Oh man, the point and wave, here we go! Accelerate. Brake. Curve right. Shalom. Quick left to the straight away. OMG they want to pass! I let the others go by, not knowing what I could do yet. Follow the course. Listen to Fred, eyes up, look forward. Learn.

Time to pit already! That was awesome! Jim and I compared drives over lunch. We both agreed that it was an awesome ride and no one could believe how great the Cayenne did. We had our next run after lunch and back to school to see how we did. Apparently Mark has a scooter and he goes around the track watching everybody, Stalker! No seriously, it was good to know because he gave us more insight to our driving skills, helped us understand why our cars wanted to drive us at times

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## Ferdinand Alexander Porsche celebrates his birthday – in round figures

### The legendary designer of the Porsche 911 turns 75

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**Stuttgart.** Professor Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, Honorary Chair of the Supervisory Board of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, celebrated his 75th birthday on 11 December 2010. As a designer of true genius, F.A. Porsche was the creator of such legendary automobiles as the 904 Carrera GTS, or the Porsche 911. After stepping down from the management of Porsche KG, in 1972 he founded the “Porsche Design” Studio, and achieved worldwide fame and recognition as an independent product designer.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was born on 11 December 1935 in Stuttgart, the eldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche. As a child his world was already being influenced by automobiles, with him spending a lot of time in the design offices and development workshops of his grandfather Ferdinand Porsche. In 1943 the family, together with the company of Porsche, relocated to Austria, where he went to school in

Zell am See. After returning to Stuttgart in 1950, he passed the final school examination, the “Abitur”, at the Waldorf School, and registered at the College of Design in Ulm. In 1958 F.A. Porsche joined the design department of what was at that time Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche KG.

His talent for design very soon became apparent when, with the Type 754 “T7”, he formally presented to the world the direction which was to be followed in the succession to the 356 Series. In 1962 he took charge of the management of the Porsche Design Studio, and one year later took the world by storm with the Porsche 901 (also referred to as the 911). As well as passenger cars, F.A. Porsche was also deeply involved in the design of the racing cars of the 1960’s. Among his most famous designs were the Formula One Type 804 racer, or the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, which motoring fans have always regarded as one of the finest and most beautiful racing vehicles ever made.

With the conversion of Porsche KG into a share company in 1971/72, F.A. Porsche and all the other family members stepped aside from the operational business of the company. As a shareholder and member of the Supervisory Board, he oversaw the development of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG for many years, and from 1990 to 1993 he served as the Chair

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of the Supervisory Board. In 2005 he passed the mantle of responsibility as a Porsche AG Supervisory Board member to his son Oliver, and took on the position of Honorary Chair of the Board.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche founded the "Porsche Design Studio" in Stuttgart in 1972, the headquarters being relocated to Zell am See in Austria in 1974. Over the decades which followed he designed a wide range of classic men's accessories, such as watches, spectacles, and writing implements, which achieved worldwide fame under the brand name "Porsche Design". In parallel with this, he and his team, using the trademark "Design by F.A. Porsche", created a large number of industrial products, domestic appli-

ances, and consumer goods for internationally famous clients. Ferdinand Alexander Porsche has been acclaimed for his work as a designer by the bestowing of many honours and awards.

In autumn 2003 F.A. Porsche and the other shareholders of "Porsche Design", together with Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, founded the Porsche Lizenz- und Handelsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG (PLH, Porsche Licence and Trading Company). The aim of this company is to make best use of the potential of the name Porsche in sectors which go beyond the automobile. The focus here is on the trademark "Porsche Design", which in recent years has developed to become one of the world's leading brand names in luxury articles, with its own marketing

## Tis the season to check your list:

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- ☒ *Track and safety modifications*
- ☒ *Special projects and Restorations*



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and we learned that we do not "floor" the gas pedal, we "squeeze it" and most important, it is not a "roll bar" it is a "safety bar!" We enjoyed Mark's abilities to help us learn. Then we were back to the track for our last run of the day! By now I think we were both feeling a little more confident. Apparently my husband had my Cayenne going approximately 120 miles an hour on the straight away! Now this may not seem like much to some of you, but remember, it is an SUV! My top speed was only about 103, but Fred did tell me I had added at least 10-15 miles to my original speed around the bends!

I was in complete amazement at how fast those cars could make the curves and bends. Well, there is a blocked time where you can ride with your instructor. Cool, mine drove the Cobra! And this time it was not just a seatbelt, oh no, a full racing harness with arm restraints is what I got! As Fred "squeezed" the gas pedal to somewhere around 125-130 (that was what I saw when I COULD take my eyes off the road) my mantra that I kept repeating in my head was, "he is a professional driver, I will not die!" Fred did take me for the drive of a lifetime, knowing he wasn't going anywhere near the speed he drives on his own!

We all headed back to the hotel to clean up, warm up and grab a cocktail! Jim and myself sat with Todd in his room, speaker phoned in with Sarah and then Jeff joined us. I think I had the room temperature up to 78 degrees and after wine and martinis (Todd's specialty) we were finally

feeling our core temperature rising. The whole lot of us went out for an awesome dinner where we talked about Tom's deer encounter, and how glad we were that he was safe. Well, off to bed (what 9:00!) Yes, that was how exhausting, mentally and physically that the day had been. And we got to do it again in the morning!

What a truly enjoyable experience! Jim and myself were so glad that we made the trip this year, we even bought a helmet, so I guess that means we're hooked!

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in order to appeal to a wide variety of individuals. The Cayenne gets a new interior that is much more similar to the Panamera. The Porsche board has also given the go ahead to a new entry level car known as the "Cajun". This vehicle will notch below the Boxster and appeal to those wanting to get into the Porsche brand economically. What an exciting time to be a car lover.

I wish everyone a Safe Holiday season and hope to see everyone soon.

Thanks

Todd

Remember to keep the blink alive !!!

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plan to join us for dinner and if I can help in any other way. I will send more information via an Email Blast during the holidays to all of the members as we get additional details.



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## ....the Checkered Flag!



Another year is done. The planning meeting for 2011 is coming up next month. The number of members who have signed up to be there indicates that we should have a



number of interesting events. If you have an idea for an event you should let Lisa or Jeanne know soon.

Thanks to Diane and Jim Schoen for the article on their first DE. I am sure that we will see them at many more. Speaking of DE's, I have heard that there will be information on our 2011 DE event(s) at the planning meeting.

The February meeting plans are still undergoing discussion. An announcement will be made on the web page along with email notification for those on the list. If you are not getting the emails contact Lisa at Mrs.LisaSoriano@juno.com to have your name added.

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

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