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The Open Road

Another year is gone. With the holidays upon us it might seem that planning for the next year would be foolish. How many times have you wanted to attend an MVR event but it conflicted with other plans? The calendar of events has been populated with dates for several events so now would be the time to add them to your personal calendar to remind you not to schedule another activity on that date. The events that do not have a date will be updated as the planning is finalized.

Some of you may know that John Jennens does more than just repair our cars. He, along with his wife Suzanne, are accomplished actors and active in the local community theater scene. They are going to be in a show this January. For those who might like to see him when he is in his other world, check out page 9 for information.

Other region events that are on tap for January include a breakfast meeting at Star diner on the 16th and a dinner meeting at Biaggi's Restorante Italiano on the 23rd. Be sure to watch your email for information on these events.

Dave Zimmerman has provided the membership with an apology for his thinking on Porsche ownership. Although he does not own a Porsche any longer, he did pick one up for his wife. You can read about his experience on page 7.

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.

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

Greetings Fellow MVR Members

Thanks to everyone who attended the Holiday Party at Brandywine CC on December 1st. We had a nice turnout, celebrating our 45th year anniversary as The Maumee Valley Region, of The Porsche Club of America. Joining us from Porsche of Ann Arbor were Trisha Smith and guest speaker, JP Lammers. Also in attendance was our zone 4 rep Michael Soriano with his wife Lisa.

JP, Porsche of Ann Arbor's General Manager, gave us a look into the future as far as the direction Porsche is taking the brand. Presently Porsche is going to smaller displacement, turbocharged engines, delivering more power while improving fuel economy. He reported the long term goal will be to develop electric power across the board. He proudly informed the group, that Porsche of Ann Arbor has been the recipient of Porsche's "Premier" Dealership status, the past two years running. They earned the #1 position nationally last year, and are on track again this year, to garner the top spot. Porsche of Ann Arbor donated an awesome sound box based on a 911 GT3 exhaust system, to be awarded to one lucky ticket holder. A smiling Ruth Gulliford, held that winning ticket. I'm sure her neighbors will be delighted to hear Ruth's new prize. On behalf of all of us at MVR, thanks to JP and Trisha for taking time to join us, and for the excellent door prize.

Michael then presented two citations from PCA President Caren Cooper. The citations were in recognition of our 45 years, of being part of the PCA family.

In recognizing those members that contributed in one capacity or another throughout the year, I inadvertently omitted a few members for hosting a party or event: Todd & Sarah Mierzwiak, Rick & Barb Lederman, Ruth Gulliford, Jeff & Staci Fort, Mike & Laura Valentine, Jim & Diane Schoen, thank you!

Our individual annual awards for 2017 were as follows: Enthusiast / Tom Dellinger, Most Active / Clare Valley, and MVP / Jeff Fort.

Don't forget this year's Parade will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks MO. July 8-14. Lake of the Ozarks is located in central Missouri, reachable in one day's drive.

On January 16th we will be trying something just a bit different for MVR, an 8:30 breakfast at the Star Diner on Central Ave, just West of McCord. Also, we will be dining at 6:30 pm, on January 23rd at Biaggi's in Perrysburg. Come join us for one or both.

Take care,
Barney.

Forgive Me

by Dave Zimmerman

Okay, I was wrong! Cut me some slack, and don't throw me under the bus. My only excuse is that I'm relatively new to Porsches.

Here's my story. I've always loved nice cars, and bought whatever looked like the next step up for me. Prior to my leap into Porsche, the last two were a BMW 6 Series coupe and a C6 Corvette convertible. My first Porsche was a 991 Carrera S, and just over a year later I moved on to a 991 GT3, which I loved. They were both great cars, but after a while I feel the need for a change, and I moved on to something Italian.

Now comes the forgiveness part. I foolishly assumed that every Porsche owner wanted a 911. If they didn't have a 911, then it must be because they could not yet afford one, and they would start with something lesser in the Porsche family, and move up later. Wow, was I ever wrong!

In late September I flew to Atlanta and bought a 2015 Boxster for my wife. On the 700 mile drive home, I became a true believer in the fantastic Boxster/Cayman Porsche lineup. This was a two year old, 10,000 mile base model with PDK trans and a few nice options.

Everyone knows how great these cars handle with the mid-engine setup, but other things impressed me also. The ride was very comfortable, lots of room inside for two people, and lots of space in both trunks for luggage. One thing I worried about was wind noise at speed from the convertible top, but Porsche has really made improvements from other convertibles that I've owned. It's very quiet even at 70-75 MPH. And when the top goes down, with the windscreen in place and the windows up, Evie's hair doesn't get messed up, and talking without shouting makes for a nice drive. Finally, on the drive home from Atlanta, I got over 32 MPG! Outstanding!

I'm sure that the new 718 Boxster/Cayman models have more torque and better acceleration with the turbo engines. I feel sure that the next time that I have that itch that needs to be scratched, I'll be looking closely at a 718 Cayman S or possibly a Cayman GTS to relive my youth at the area race tracks.

I pledge to never again look at a Boxster or Cayman owner, and assume that they really want a 911. Can you please forgive me?

Holiday Party Photos

by Kim Harris and Tom Isley



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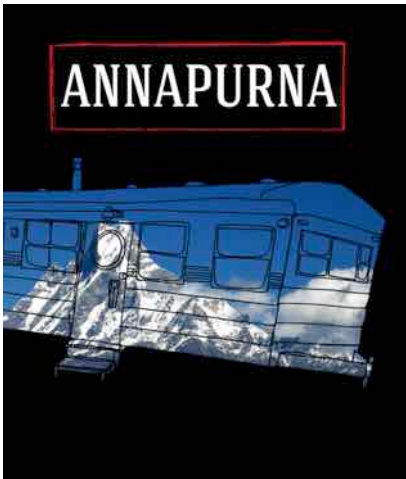


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December 2017 - Club
Member Anniversaries

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Susan Brown	29 Years
Ed and Stephanie Streeter	28 years
Chris and Jeanne Krauser	21 Years
David Kienzle	19 Years
J Craig Griffis	19 Years
Richard and Barbara Nolen	18 Years
Tom and Millie Woodruff	17 Years
Douglas and Leah Hileman	14 Years
Peter and Deborah MacDonald	14 Years
Gene and Kathleen Aufderhaar	12 Years
Todd and Sarah Mierzwiak	12 Years
Bradley and Louise White	11 Years
Michael and Renee Carson	10 Years
Lee and Yvonne Burlingame	6 Years
Tony and Brenda Corr	1 Year



New Members

Jonathan Bersier
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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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DECEMBER

1 Holiday Party (MVR 45th Anniversary)

2018

JANUARY

16 Breakfast at Star Diner
23 Dinner at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano

FEBUARY

TBD Mystery Room and dinner at Granite City

MARCH

TBD Toledo Museum of Art Tour

APRIL

TBD

MAY

5 Kentucky Derby Party at Germain Motors in Ann Arbor

JUNE

TBD

JULY
TBD

AUGUST
TBD

SEPTEMBER
TBD

OCTOBER
TBD

NOVEMBER
TBD Tour to Findlay & Planning Party

DECEMBER
TBD Holiday Party

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

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By PCA Technical Committee

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Battery Trickle Chargers – 2016 Boxster GTS

Question: Just purchased a 2016 low mileage Boxster GTS. Since this car will not be an everyday car and may sit at times for more than a few days should I invest in a battery trickle charger? If so what should I look for? and is hookup easy to do. Thanks

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Invest in a smart charger, not just a trickle charger. Smart chargers such as the CTEK, the Porsche (made by CTEK) and Scumacher among a few others actually monitor the charge of the battery and deliver the correct amount of electrical current and voltage without overcharging the battery.

Many trickle chargers just trickle charge continuously which in the end will shorten the battery's life.

Happy Porsche'ing,

997 Instrument Cluster Replacement – 2006 911 Carrera 4S

Question: My 2006 997 C4S (6 manual) came with the red face dials on the instrument cluster, I'm not a huge fan. I've found a used cluster online off a 2007 manual 997 and was wondering if they're interchangeable. Note that my car is early and does not have TPMS whereas the one that I'm considering has the factory TPMS on the gauge face. I realize there'd be some programming involved with the mileage and such, but will there be issues with key coding or other things that I may not be considering? Any input is appreciated.

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt [SVR]. Swapping a used instrument cluster into your vehicle is not as simple as some might think though it is possible. Using the factory Porsche system tester you cannot change the mileage that has been written into the cluster; this is to prevent swapping lower mile clusters into higher mileage cars. There are companies out there that can change the mileage in the replacement cluster to match the current mileage in your vehicle; this is the biggest obstacle to overcome from a technician standpoint. The vehicle coding/options can be written to the replacement cluster with the factory Porsche tester as well as some aftermarket testers. The options will need to be coded one-by-one and is a tedious process but it is necessary for all vehicle functions to operate properly and to prevent errant fault codes.

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Do I need Winter Tires – 2017 718 Boxster S

Question: I am new to owning a Porsche. I have read I should not drive the summer tires during the winter as it can damage the tire when temps drop below 40. Is this true? It is not my daily driver so I am assessing if I need to invest in a set of winter wheels and tires to enjoy it on an occasional warmer winter day.

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. More important than damage to the tire is damage to your car and/or you. Summer tire's compound is made to be "sticky" with warm temps. When exposed to temperatures lower than 40F the compound hardens and loses its ability to stick to the road and the car has very little traction. Also, cold temps can cause the compound on summer tires to crack and render them useless.

It is wise to have a second set of wheels shod with winter tires. These cars are great in the snow when using the proper snow tires.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Do Porsche Rated Tires Need Flat Spot Wheel Chocks to Prevent Flat Spotting? - 2017 718 Boxster S

Question: Do Porsche rated tires need flat spot wheel chocks to prevent flatspotting? Recommended? Thanks in advance for the reply. Dont want to permanently flat spot my tires after 5 months of heated storage. Never had to do this on other Porsche's I've owned but this GTS has tires that are much more expensive than my Porsche's past.

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Porsche N-rated tires are really no different from non-N-rated tires in their behavior. If a car is parked for long enough time the tire will tend to flat-spot due to the floor. This flat-spotting is not permanent and does not damage the tires and will correct itself as the tires warm up and are driven a few miles. In order to lessen the effect, you may overinflate the pressure before storing the car for prolonged periods of time and/or you may use a softer landing (cradle) for the tires.

Don't forget to check and correct the tire pressures when putting the car in service again.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano, Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA
Zone 4 Members,

I want to wish
everyone a very
Happy Holiday
season. I have
enjoyed another
wonderful year as
your Zone Rep,
and would like to

thank all of the region officers and
members who helped to make this
year in Zone 4 a successful one. I
was honored to be invited to and
welcomed at so many outstanding
events; I only wish that I could have
attended even more. I am extremely
pleased to see so many regions
working together to hold wonderful
events, which has helped our zone
to become a more cohesive unit, an
important goal of mine since
becoming Zone Rep.

During an unseasonably warm
weekend this autumn, ARPCA held
their first Club Race in 14 years at
the Pittsburgh International Race
Complex. The newly refurbished
track is 2.8 miles with 19 turns and
128 feet of elevation change. In
addition to the myriad of classes
that usually run Zone 4 Club Races,
this weekend included a Vintage
Class as well as the 944 Cup
Championship East. The weekend
began with a combination advanced
HPDE and test and tune day to help
the drivers' learn this new track.
The following day provided practice
runs and fun races. On Friday night,

the region hosted an Oktoberfest
event at the track open to everyone.
While we all enjoyed the wonderful
German food and beer, we were
entertained with live music.
Saturday were the Sprint races and
the 944 Cup banquet, and on
Sunday they held the Vintage Sprint
3 race followed by the 90 minute
Enduro. It was a truly enjoyable
weekend. I also recently attended
Northern Ohio and Eastern Buckeye
Regions' Horsepower and Harness
Racing Event. The evening included
a car show, followed by a tech quiz,
and we ate dinner as we watched
the horse races. The group
sponsored the 5th race and at the
conclusion of the race, we met the
winning horse and jockey in the
winner's circle for a group picture. I
also recently traveled to Allendale,
MI to attend Western Michigan
Region's November Dinner Drive.
Everyone enjoyed the delicious
Italian buffet dinner as well as lively
conversation at this well attended
event.

Just because many of us have put
our cars away for the winter, it
doesn't mean that we can't
experience the same camaraderie
and friendship enjoyed during the
driving season. Many regions will be
hosting Holiday Parties this month,
and I plan to attend as many as I
possibly can. What a great way to
kick off the holiday season by
celebrating with your PCA friends.

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As the New Year begins, and the region calendars firm up, please remember to check your in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date information about events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- Maumee Valley Region's Holiday Party is December 1 at Brandywine Country Club
- December 2 is Rally Sport Region's Holiday Party at Porsche of Ann Arbor
- Western Michigan Region's December Appetizer Party is December 2
- Join Michiana Region on December 3 for the South Bend Historic Holiday Walking Tour
- December 8 is Northern Ohio Region's Holiday Party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- MORPCA's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be at the OSU Faculty Club on December 9
- December 9 is Southeast Michigan Region's Holiday Party at Meadowbrook Country Club

Moving

Please be sure to update PCA with your new address so you don't miss an issue of **der RÜCKSPIEGEL**. This can be done on the PCA website at PCA.org

- Motor-Stadt Region's Monthly Board Meeting at Spagnuolo's in Okemos is December 12
- December 16 is Central Indiana Region's Holiday Gathering and Gift Exchange at Tom Wood Porsche
- ARPCA's Porsche Touring Crew Lunch is December 20 at Pig Iron Public House

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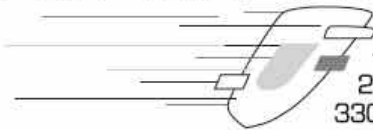
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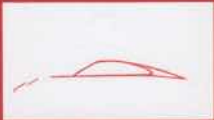
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