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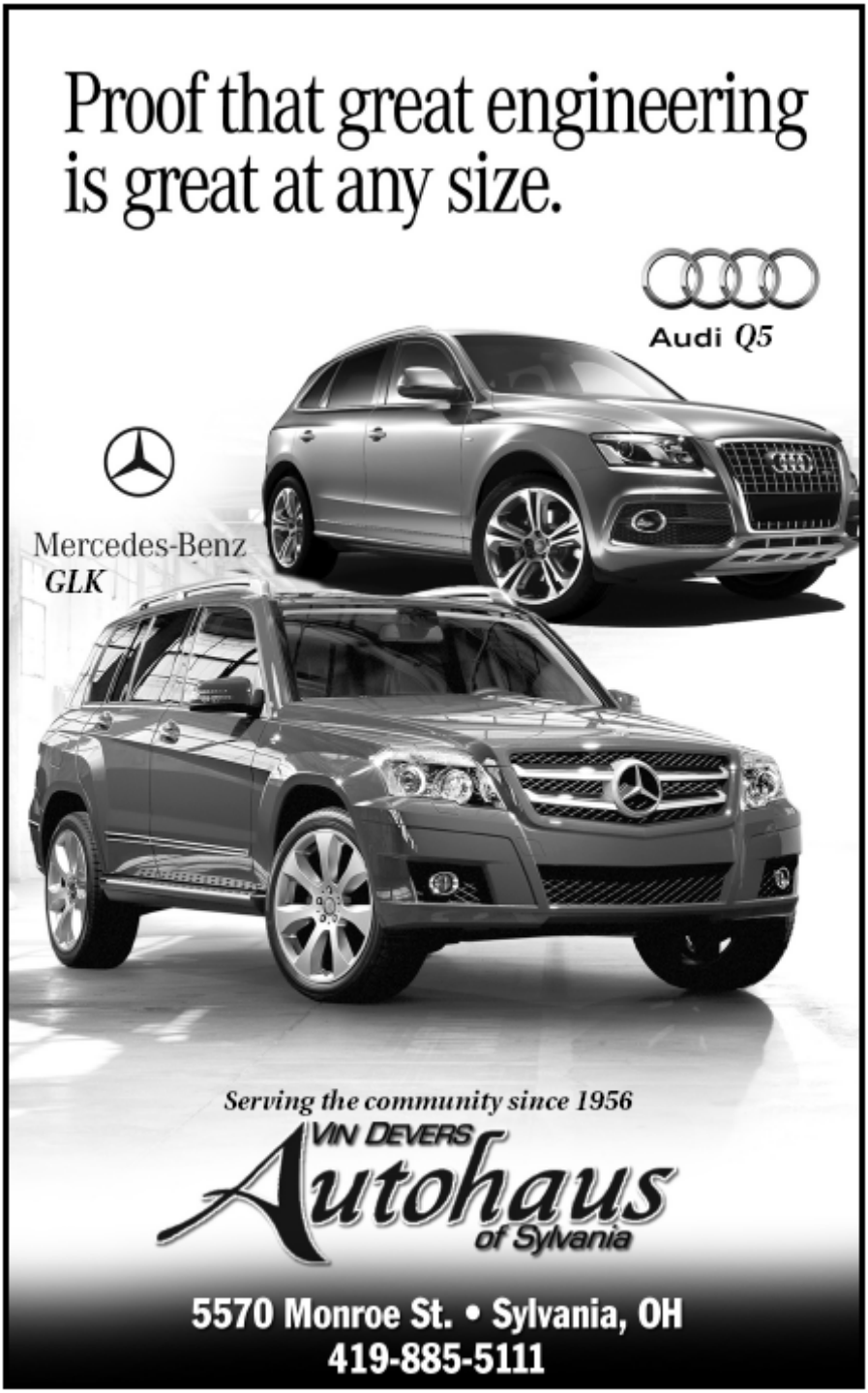
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Photo on cover: 1952 Cabriolet
Photo by Robert Wilson.

Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

FEBURARY

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24 Dinner at Granite City Food and Brewery 6:30 p.m

MARCH

24 Curling and Dinner in Bowling Green

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From The Drivers Seat

By Michael Soriano

Our new year has begun, and the Maumee Valley Region of the Porsche Club of America is off to a tremendous start. As we traditionally do, we began this year with the annual planning meeting. I would particularly like to thank Chris and Jeanne Krauser for hosting this planning meeting; I know each of them has put in a great deal of time, hard work, and effort in order to host this event. I would also like to thank each and every one of you that attended the planning meeting. We had a great turnout, nearly doubling last year's attendance. Once again, thank you for your attendance and participation.

Jeff Vollmar has volunteered to be the chairman of our 40th anniversary celebration in the spring/summer of 2012. Since this will be an important event for the club, it will require a great deal of work and effort to plan and organize. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Jeff at **jtvollmar@comcast.net** .

Our first official business meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m. at Vin Devers. At this meeting, I will be reviewing my agenda for the club, and we will also be discussing the reorganization of the board members. As with all business meetings, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

This year we have decided to try to add a variety of exciting new activities in addition to our house parties and restaurants, and I would like to provide you with an overview of all of the activities and events that have been discussed and are currently in the process of being arranged.

Our first social event will be dinner held on Thursday, February 24, at Granite City Food and Brewery at 6:30 p.m. This is the newest microbrewery in Toledo and is located in The Shops at Fallen Timbers. They always have a variety of Specialty Brews on tap and will be extending member only drink specials to our group.

The club will host an event, which will provide you with a unique opportunity to try out the sport of Curling. On March 24, we will meet at

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FEBRUARY SOCIAL EVENT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011
at 6:30 p.m.

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Please RSVP:
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MAUMEE VALLEY REGION PCA
MARCH SOCIAL EVENT

THURSDAY, March 24, 2011
at 6:30 p.m.

BGSU Ice Arena
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH
(See page 10 for more info)

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Maumee Valley Region 2011 Calendar of Events

Check our web site at www.mm.pca.org for the latest event information.

FEBRUARY
10: Business Meeting 7pm
24 Dinner at Granite City Food and Brewery 6:30 pm

MARCH
24 Curling and Dinner in Bowling Green 6:30 pm

APRIL
14 Business Meeting 7pm
16 House Party at the Stewarts

MAY
6-8 Driver's Education at Mid-Ohio
21 Dinner in Blissfield, MI

JUNE
5 Mon Ami Winery
9 Business Meeting 7pm
25 Concours at the Lederman's

JULY
9 Tony and Patty's Car Party
TBD House Party at the Butchers
31-Aug 6 Parade in Savannah, GA

AUGUST
11 Business Meeting 7pm
TBD House Party at the Nolens

SEPTEMBER
10 Dinner in Findlay
24 Chili Cook-Off at the Schoens

OCTOBER
13 Business Meeting 7pm
TBD Monte Carlo at the Browns

NOVEMBER
18 Holiday Party at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion

DECEMBER
3 "Party at the Vollmars"
8 Business Meeting 7pm

MVR/PCA Membership News

February 2011 - Club Member Anniversaries

Cecile and Stephen Nichols	28 Years
Jim and Cheryl Wilson	13 Years
Roche and Carla Simmons	9 Years
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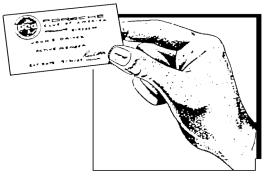

New Members

None to report this month.

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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MVR 2011 Point Totals as of 2/1/2011

Bill Bauman	1
Judy Bellman	1
Marshall Bellman	1
Susan Brown	2
Rich Brown	2
Mark Burrow	1
Diane Butcher	1
Bruce Butcher	2
Tony Calabrese	2
Deb DeHaven	1
Tom DeHaven	1
Sharon Gargasz	3
Ron Gargasz	3
Shirley Gobba	3
Dick Gobba	3
Ruth Gulliford	2
Ron Gulliford	2
Kim Harris	3
Bob Harris	3
Roger Holliday	1
Claudia Holliday	1
Chip Holst	1
Andy Holst	1

Deb Isley	2
Tom Isley	2
Sandra Kinker	2
Alan Kinker	2
Pat Kjoller	1
Jay Kjoller	1
Jeanne Krauser	2
Chris Krauser	2
Patty Krncevic	2
Tony Krncevic	2
Barb Lederman	2
Rick Lederman	2
Linda Mechel	3
Jack Mechel	3
Todd Mierzwiak	1
Sarah Mierzwiak	1
Bobby More	1
Shanda More	1
Barb Nolen	2
Richard Nolen	2
Linda Roan	2
Bill Roan	2
Chuck Schaub	1

Kristine Schaub	1
James Schenk	2
Diane Schoen	3
Jim Schoen	3
Lisa Soriano	3
Michael Soriano	3
Janet Sternfeld	1
Bill Sternfeld	1
Beth Stewart	2
Barney Stewart	2
Jeff Uhlman	1
Teri Vollmar	1
Jeff Vollmar	2
Brian Walsh	2
Missy Walsh	2
Marcia Woolf	1
Leighton Woolf	1
Millie Woodruff	2
Tom Woodruff	2
Laila Zenil	1
Craig Zenil	2

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A Note about Curling

by Ron Gargasz

The Curling Event will take place at the Bowling Green State University Ice Arena, which is located just off the I-75 BGSU exit. There is a large parking lot in front of the Ice Arena so parking should not be a problem.

If there are 30 or more people that sign up, we can rent the Ice Arena Lounge and order pizza right after we are done curling. The Ice Arena lounge has windows that overlook the curling ice. If we have less than 30 people sign up, we can go to a restaurant in town after curling or to our house either of which is about 10 minutes away.

It is tradition in the sport of curling to get together after the game so please plan to stay for about an hour or so after the game. It is also tradition for the winning team to buy the first round of drinks for their opponents, and then the losers buy the next round, and so on. Scotch is a traditional drink associated with curling but beer and wine and soft drinks seem to be as popular now days. If we stay at the Curling Lounge Scotch is not available but beer, wine and soft drinks are which we have to purchase from the Ice Arena vendor.

If we come to our house, Wine, Beer, and a wee dram of Scotch would be available and we could order pizza there as well. If we have 30 or more people I would suggest we stay at the Ice Arena lounge after curling, but if there is less than 30, we would be happy to have the gang hang out at our place.

Participants should wear a sweater or light jacket and loose fitting pants (or a kilt if they have one). A light pair of gloves and clean shoes is also a good idea. The temperature on the curling ice will be around 40-45 degrees - cool but not cold. It would be best to have rubber soled shoes rather than leather as the ice is slippery, gym shoes or running shoes would be good. Sweeping is a big part of the game and an exercise that will warm you up in a hurry. The Ice Arena has brooms for everyone attending-no need to bring your own broom.

Sharon and I and Roger and Claudia Holiday will provide instructions for the first 15 minutes or so and then we'll break up into teams (4 people on a team) and play a few "ends". It takes about 15 minutes to play an end. Games are usually 8 ends but we will only get in 4 or 5 ends by 8pm. It is a great social sport, lots of fun a great way to pass the winter.

Directions to the Ice Arena. Take I-75 to the BGSU exit. Turn toward the BGSU Campus. Go about 1/2 mile to Mercer Road. Turn right on Mercer road about 1/4 mile. The Ice Arena is on the right. Park anywhere near the entrance. The curling ice is on your right once you enter the building.

Ron

Planning Meeting 2011

by Tony Calabrese

First of all, thank you to the Krauser family for holding the 2011 planning meeting at their beautiful home. Second, thank you to the 31 MVR-PCA members who ventured out in the cold and snow to attend the meeting.

The actual meeting started with Todd Mierzwiak receiving the 2010 "Enthusiast of the Year" award.

Shortly after Michael Soriano gave a welcoming speech, Lisa Soriano and Diane Schoen jumped right into the monthly event scheduling.

February

10: Meeting at Vin Devers 7pm
24: Granite City Brewery dinner 6:30pm (Fallen Timbers)

Side Note: Roger and Claudia Holiday were at the planning meeting. They are two of the founding members of the MVR-PCA (1972). Roger explained how the few original members would meet at bars…and would like to keep meeting at bars.

March
8: Register for Porsche Parade in Savannah Georgia
24: Curling/Dinner in Bowling Green
TBD: Mierzwiaks would like to hold "Monte Carlo Nights"

April
16: The Stewart family would like to hold their "King of the Hill" party at their house. Many members were excited to attend.

May
6-8: DE at Mid Ohio … There is a chance the new Cayman R might attend the event.
21: Blissfield Dinner Train ($50.00)

June
5: Mon Ami Winery
25: Rick Lederman Concourse

Rick is also a member of the Mercedes Club. There had been talk earlier about having some combined Mercedes Club/PCA events. Everyone seemed to agree that Mercedes club members would be more likely to do a concourse or park&shine event. Mercedes Club invited to our DE.

July
9: Tony and Patty car party. Many people sounded interested to go, but it will not be considered a MVR-PCA event.
16 or 23: Butcher family house party

31: Porsche Parade Savannah Georgia

August
27???: Nolens House party

September
24: Schoen family Chili Cook-Off

October
8, 15, or 22: Monte Carlo Night at Browns

November
18: Holiday Party. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Glass Pavilion, so we will plan on going there again

December
3: Kart2kart…not MVR-PCA event…but anyone can attend.

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In The Zone

By Ron Carr
Zone 4 Representative

Well, we are into the New Year and the Great Lakes Zone is mostly blanketed with snow, ice, and slush!! It's time for doing indoor events and planning the outdoor ones. Most Regions have wonderful indoor events in the winter such as Chili Cook-off's, Wine Tastings, new member parties, and other social events to keep up our spirits and provide an opportunity to (what else) talk about summer driving! Another popular indoor event is a Tech Session, usually held at a local Porsche service shop. Please check out you Region's website for the latest local region events that may interest you. If you are traveling around the Great Lakes area and find yourself looking for something to do in another region area, check their website before going and see if there is something going on that would interest you. Generally speaking, PCA Regions will be happy to accommodate visitors from other Regions at their events if at all possible. It's a great way to make new friends or catch up with some old friends that you only see in the summer.

Now, for upcoming zone events to plan for in the spring and summer:

Drivers Education Opportunities are being planned for the springtime at:

Mid Ohio SCC on April 15-17th (Ohio Valley Region) (tentative)

Mid Ohio SCC on April 30-May 2nd (Northern Ohio Region) (tentative)

Watkins Glen on May 13-15th (Allegheny Region)

Mid Ohio SCC on May 13-15th (Mid-Ohio Region)

The Central Indiana Region will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on June 17, 18, & 19 in Indianapolis, IN. Stay tuned for details.

On the weekend of June 25th, the Vintage Grand Prix will be at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Porsche will be the featured Marque for the event. Information is available at http://www.midohio.com/.

The Allegheny Region will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on July 23rd at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix at Schenley Park in Pittsburgh, PA. Porsche will be the featured Marque at this event also, and they are hoping to attract 1000 cars to the weekend event. Information will be forthcoming on the Allegheny Region website or at http://www.pvgp.org/pvgp/site/default.asp.

Ohio Valley Region celebrates their 50th Anniversary on October 29th & 30th in Cincinnati, OH with a banquet at the Porsches of the Village dealership. See the website for details.

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From Humble Beginnings an Icon Returns to the Road

By Richard and Shirley Gobba

This is a car in the barn story; part ugly duckling and part Cinderella.

Shirley and I joined PCA and 356 Registry in the spring of 1978. We busied ourselves collecting worthy cars needing restoration. We purchased a 1960 Roadster for $350.00 and a 1959 Convertible D for $1600.00. Yes prices have changed a lot in 33 years. Shortly thereafter an auction ad in the local paper listed a 1953 Porch to be put up for high bid. This sounded like something we really needed, so we went to check it out. When the day of the auction arrived we registered and anxiously waited for the bidding to start on the cabriolet. It was in a partially burned pole barn. The tops [there were 2] were burned off, [the top bows were ok] ,the paint was burned off the body [ashes everywhere], and the tires were flat. The engine was missing, transaxle was in place , both bumpers were there, and a current title. It looked pretty sad, but a lot of people were looking it over. I had to leave the auction before the car came up for bid, but Shirley was staying to bid on it and we decided not to go over $200.00. When Shirley arrived home later with a big grin on her face, I knew it was the news I had hoped for. She had the winning bid; in fact the only bid. She had purchased the 53 Porch for $10.00 .

We went back the next day to pick up the car. I thought the owner would be upset that it sold so cheap, but he didn't mind at all. He had bought it for $20.00 and sold the engine for more than that before it burned. We pumped up the tires and towed it home.

Our three jewels sat for three years until a 1957 Speedster came into the picture. With the Speedster needing total restoration, we decided to sell our budding collection.

In 1982 we put the 53 Porch for sale in Panorama. The first person to call

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was from Tulsa, Ok. and bought it sight unseen. We sent him pictures and he sent us a check. Everybody was happy, but the car sat in our barn for almost three years with not a word from the new owner. I finally called to see if he was going to pick it up, and he said he had traded the car on a real estate deal to a man in Oklahoma City. I then called the new owner. He wanted the 53 and would pay to have it delivered. Two of our friends took it to Oklahoma City. He took one look at the car and sold it to a local restaurant to be used as a salad bar. The restaurant owner sold the 53 to a salvage yard and bought a XKE JAG to hold his salad greens.

About 1987 Robert Wilson was looking for Mercedes parts at the same salvage yard and spotted the 53. He made the owner an offer and took delivery.

In 2001 Bob started searching the world for correct parts and with professional help from Curtis Wheatley , the cab. was returned to it's original new condition in 2003.

End of story ? Not quite. The little $10.00 Porch had another trick up it's tailpipe. You see the 53 Porch was really a 1952 Cabriolet titled as a 1953. Bob's son talked him into sending the number's on the car to PCNA; in reference to it's 60th. Anniversary. It turns out to be the earliest surviving Porsche sold in the United States. It has been on the factory web site and will be at several Porsche shows.

Not bad for a $10.00 purchase. You've come a long way

"baby".

The $10 dollar “Porch” turned out pretty good

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the curling facility in the ice arena at BGSU. After curling, we will enjoy dinner and drinks.

The Stewarts are again hosting a party in April. "King of the Hill Games of Skill part 2" will be held on Saturday, April 16.

The DE committee has been hard at work coordinating a 3-day Driver's Education event at Mid-Ohio with Potomac region that will be held on May 6, 7, and 8; information on registering for this event will be available soon.

Dick and Shirley Gobba have volunteered to put together an event to be held on May 21, in Blissfield, Michigan. They are currently looking into organizing a trip on the Mystery Dinner Train.

Sunday, June 5, is our always popular visit to Mon Ami Winery. At this time of year, it is always a scenic drive and a wonderful way to spend a Sunday. On Saturday, June 18, the Ledermans have graciously volunteered to once again host the Concours.

Our first event for the month of July will be held on Saturday, July 9. It is Tony and Patty's Annual Car Party, and this year they have invited the entire club to participate.

The Butchers and the Nolens are hosting house parties in July and August; however the dates have not been finalized. And, on September 10, we will be having our restaurant event in Findlay; an exact location has yet to be determined.

Our next few parties will be the return of 2 very popular events, which have not been on the social calendar recently. The Schoens will be hosting the Chili Cook off on Saturday, September 24, and the Browns will be hosting our Monte Carlo Night, one of our fundraisers, in October.

Last year the Holiday Party was such a great success with around 66 people attending. After the party ended, many of those in attendance strongly urged us to hold the party in the same venue again, so on November 18, we will once again have our Holiday Party at the Toledo Museum of Art in the Glass Pavilion.

For those of you who attended the "Party at the Vollmars" last October, you know what an exciting event it was and how much fun it was. With so many of our members wanting to do this event again, Jeff and Terri have volunteered to host the event on December 3.

As you can see, we have taken the time to put together a well-rounded very full social calendar for the upcoming year. We have tried to provide the club with fresh ideas and unique opportunities as well as maintaining popular traditional events and even bringing back some of the forgotten classics.

Please remember that the social calendar is a work in progress and will continue to evolve. As more of the details are determined, the club has several resources in place to provide this updated information to you. Der Ruckspiegel will always provide a list of upcoming events, the website at **http://mm.pca.org** provides a master schedule for our entire year,

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and Lisa will continue to send e-mail updates prior to each event.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to host or organize an event. It is because of your generous spirit and hard work that this club continues to be so successful and is one of the reasons I am so proud to be your president.

If you are one of our members that has not attended an event recently, I am, once again, extending a personal invitation to you to participate in at least one event this year and give yourself the opportunity to reconnect with your fellow Porsche Club Members.

Thanks,
Michael

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The annual Porsche Parade will be held in Savannah, GA from July 31th to August 6th. See the PCA Website for details at http://parade2011.pca.org/ . Registration opens on March 8th.

The P2O multi-region event will again be in Oxford, Ohio (near Cincinnati) on July 30th weekend. Come and be a part of a “Casual Porsche Party” that attracts over 400 cars from the surrounding regions.

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....the Checkered Flag!

The planning meeting is over and the social calendar is looking good. We have a lot of events on the schedule. Plan on getting to at least one event this year.

We have a new event on the schedule that sounds like it will be a lot of fun. We will be going to the ice at Bowling Green University to try out Curling. If you have ever watched the winter Olympics you have probably seen Curling in action. Details on the event can be found on page 10.

Check out the Social Calendar to see the schedule of the events. One significant change to the schedule is our Drivers Education event. We have moved it to May from November.

When you see Lisa or Jeanne be sure to thank them for the work on the schedule and all of the great events they have put together.

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

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10: Business Meeting 7pm
24 Dinner at Granite City Food and Brewery 6:30 pm

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24 Curling and Dinner in Bowling Green