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The Open Road



We are continuing with the guest column by Robert Turner. His insight on playing around with car manufactures car configurators is rather interesting.

I would like to encourage those of you that like to write to contribute an article for inclusion in the newsletter. Local content and event reviews are always more interesting to read.

The dinner at The Beirut was very well attended. There was over 30 members enjoying the food and company.

The next couple of events are a continuation of the monthly morning breakfast at Star Diner which is on March 12, and the dinner at Black Pearl restaurant. Be sure to let Kim Harris know if you plan on attending.

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, or running the region. If you can support in any way, let Lisa or one of the other officers know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

.....the editor

Willkommen

By Lisa Soriano



The year's events began with our first breakfast get together at Star Diner on January 8. Next, the Board

hosted an Appreciation Dinner for Barney and Beth Stewart to thank them for their service as President and First Lady. A few days later, was our first evening social event of the year, an evening at Gastro Social pub. Over 40 MVR members, some longtime and some attending their first event, gathered for an evening of good food and conversation. On Saturday, February 2, a number of members attended the Lady Rockets basketball game. Immediately following the game was dinner at The Beirut, where additional members joined the group. I had an especially good time that evening, since I was the winner of the 50/50 raffle, with proceeds going to the Mobile Meals of Toledo Weekender Program for kids.

As I sit down to write this article, I have just returned from the PCA National Winter Board Meeting, which was held in Seattle, Washington. As always, it was a very informative and productive weekend. In addition to the usual meetings with regard to our National responsibilities, a few weeks before the meeting, my husband Michael, the PCA National

Awards Chair, was contacted by National President Tom Gorsuch asking him to moderate the Roundtable Discussions for the PCA National Staff Meeting. I assisted in running the discussions, which revolved around the Executive Council's new S.W.O.T Initiative. During the meetings, Committee Chairs, Committee members, and Region Presidents discussed the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats on the National, Zone, and Regional levels. The information gathered at this meeting will be used in conjunction with the information gathered by a third party firm to shape and guide PCA in the upcoming years.

During the Board Meeting, it was announced that membership continues to grow and currently there are 129,996 Total Members. PCA is working hard to provide even more opportunities to the membership including developing the first officially sanctioned PCA National iRacing simulation racing series. and, Craig Kugler, National Treasurer, announced that more than likely there will be another Surplus Region Refund Subsidy again this year.

Over the course of the weekend, I was also able to work with the National Membership, DE, and Driving Tour Chairs to get answers that will directly benefit the Region.

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I would like to welcome our January New Members: Brad Longberry, Mohamed and Kelly Maaraba, and Don Weiler, as well as our new Test Drive Participant: Mehmood Rashid.

I encourage them along with anyone who has not attended an event recently, to take a look at our region calendar. Please make sure that you are receiving Kim Harris's email notifications, and if you are on Facebook, consider joining our closed group: Maumee Valley

Region, PCA. Our Social Media Coordinator Laura Valentine is doing a great job posting reminders for upcoming events in addition to posting pictures of the events.

For you early risers, there is a breakfast get together scheduled on March 12 at Star Diner on Central Avenue. We also have a dinner at the Black Pearl on March 18.

Hope to see you at an event soon!

Thanks,

Lisa

PCA - Maumee Valley Region
Social Event February 12, 2019



Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Star Diner



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Choose Carefully Part 1 and 2

by Rober Turner

One of my favorite things to do on the web is to go into a car company's web site, head straight to their configurator and build something. Sometimes it will be a stripper, just the basic car to see how cheap I can build it. And more times than not, I go all in adding every option to see how far I can take it to the other extreme. I try different colors, different interiors, different wheels and I spare no expense on the performance options. If you are going to build something, you may as well go big. Right?

I love me some Porsches! Owned twelve of 'em (and counting). But you know what? I've never bought a new one. The Turner master plan says I get to do that at some point in my short life on this revolving globe. Thinking back to the Brand Loyalty series I wrote a couple of month back, you know I've got to get my boys out of college, propped up and on their own. Could take years. It's funny, I even remind them from time to time (like weekly), that they're holding me back. I am joking here, but just barely.

Point is, I love the Porsche configurator. I build cars on it all the time, like maybe 2-3 times per month. OK, maybe 3-4 times per month. But that's all I'm admitting here. I build Carrera's (mostly Turbos and GT3s), Boxsters,

Caymans (especially Caymans; love 'em), Cayennes (just in case we end up needing a new one), Mecans (because they are awesome), Panameras (have you read my action-adventure novels? They factor somewhat in the story line), and 918's (cause they are stupid crazy and it's fun to see if you can configure one to \$1,000,000—yes with reversed pinky held to mouth, Dr. Evil style).

I will build one, giggle and say to my wife, "Hey I built a new Porsche, wanna see it?" She'll glance over at me, with a sideways look, glasses lowered to her nose, and ask if I went all in this time or not. No I will proudly exclaim that I built an inexpensive Cayenne - for her. Does she want to see it? Then she'll ask if it is like the other dozen I have "built" for her lately and not getting her sarcasm, I'll say this one is different. (Yeah, it's red.)

Sometimes she looks, sometimes she doesn't and she reminds me (for like the thousandth time) that we're not doing anything before the aforementioned boys are out of school, cars paid off, bills paid off, ETC. Oh yeah—heard that one before. So then, what the heck, I'll reconfigure the car as a Cayenne Turbo S with every option under the sun. \$180K! Yeah, that'll show her!

The mouse hovers over the "get a quote from your dealer" button and

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as usual, I do not press it. But man, I wish I could. I know that day will come, that perfect moment when I will be able to press that button and talk to the dealer, to build my dream Porsche. I can feel it coming in a three-to-four-year-off kinda way. See I have infinite patience when it comes to waiting for my ultimate car. I've got to, I only get one shot.

Part 2

It's not so much that I am an automotive journalist. I've checked, the pay ain't so great. Or an auto-industry pundit, ditto about the pay part. No I think of myself as an observer of things automotive. More of an automotive chronicler about all things Porsche. A monthly column kinda guy that writes from the heart. Most of the time. But there are times when I would love to be that guy that gets the call from an automotive manufacturer—BIG hint here Porsche—and a voice says something pithy like "How do you feel about The Steffel Pass in Zandfortin or the lovely Isle of Marjorie in the Delfinium Islands? Think you might fancy a trip there? Oh, and we will throw in some cars for you to drive." At this point, the writer is supposed to pause for a few seconds to leave the automotive marketing types hanging—like you'll really turn them down—before saying very causally, "Let me check my calendar and see if those dates work."

Inside you are shouting, YES! I would cancel my wedding or try to delay the birth of my child to go

there. And YES! I may even possibly be persuaded—definitely maybe—that I could squeeze in driving some fast cars too. (Oh, and I hear that they ply you with good food and very good drink. Lots of it.) So you deliberately slow down your brain and try to be uber cool and nonchalant and work your mouth very carefully to say each word S L O W L Y, so you don't end up sounding like an idiot.

But that never works. You'll blurt out "YesIwouldlovetogotoZandfortinyespleasethankyouverymuch." Or something that is probably very close to unintelligible. The suave auto-marketing types knows what your response will be, so he tells you to check your inbox, 'cause the itinerary will be forthcoming. You hang up and start packing right away, even though the trip is five weeks out. You do want to be prepared after all.

What does this have to do with a car company's configurator? Well, I will get around to it - eventually. See the auto companies want the Journos to write glowingly about their new offerings. They pick beautiful places, take over high-star hotels and make those hardworking Journos sit through a mind numbing half hour to forty-five minutes of marketing speak before turning them loose in the car of the moment. But wait there's more. They usually put every bell and whistle on the car to make sure that all the good stuff gets tested and written about.

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Problem is, when the writer is talking about this button here, that switch there or this sub-set of commands in the dark innards of the car's performance capabilities, we are left lusting and wanting for things that we may not need or are too expensive to buy. I mean I would love to listen to a gold-plated Bergfarb Grand Marquis sound system, but probably won't pony for the seven large to buy it. And the micromium plated multi-faceted sport design exhaust at a mind numbing four big ones will probably not be one of the boxes I tick off. But the Journos? Man they love it.

It's pretty easy to turn a \$60K car into a \$80K (or at least \$70K) car nowadays. And in Porsches' case, a \$100K car into a \$150K car in a snap. Someday when I configure my 911, I may remember some writer

with his hair on fire, going 120 MPH into a screaming long sweeper and talking about how the PDCC with Sport Chrono really sets the handling tone. But me, I will just opt for the PASM Sports Suspension at \$890 and be done with it. I don't mind if my eyeballs giggle on the road, I just want to take that corner at 125. Oh Baby.

And on that exhaust note, see you all next time.

RL Turner is the author of The Driver, a series of action adventure novels, available in both print and ebook on Amazon (more info at www.thedriver-series.com). Having owned a dozen Porsches and driven hundreds of laps on racetracks throughout the southwest, author Turner knows a few things about going fast in a Porsche and then fixing them when he breaks something.

Maumee Valley Region Ladies Event

Saturday April 27

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Around the Zone

By Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Representative

The year started off with very unusual weather patterns for Zone 4. Could this be the sign of an unusual year? I would like you to make this an unusual year in PCA by getting out to an event you haven't tried yet. Only doing track events? Try an autocross, or a driving tour. Haven't been to a track Driver Education event? Try coming out to the Southeast Michigan DE 101 on April 20th at Waterford Hills Raceway. Or to one of the Driver Education events the following weekend April 28-29th at either Mid Ohio Sportscar Course with Mid Ohio Region, or Putnam Park with Central Indiana region. See what it's all about, stay for lunch and you may get a chance to drive the touring laps on the track over the lunch break. Most regions have a monthly breakfast – Maumee Valley Region, or Thirsty Thursday – Eastern Buckeye Region, or a Saturday Breakfast with Central Indiana Region. Events are posted on each region's website, or Facebook page.

Despite that fun winter stuff called snow, I visited 2 events in Indiana in January. First, the New Member Party for Michiana on January 26th, in Elkhart, IN. Many nice door prizes were awarded after a very nice dinner at the country club. The following Saturday, actually sneaking into February, I joined members of Central Indiana Region and Michiana in Ft Wayne for a 2019 planning meeting. Many great

events going on each month for all types of interest from Auto-X to shows, to tours. This year the CruZionsville event is taking a break, so we look forward to see the CIR and Michiana member joining us for the Belle Isle Car Corral on May 31st - June 2nd. The registration link is ready, and more to follow soon. https://clubregistration.net/events/event-details.cfm?event_id=9535



My January actually began far from Zone 4 with my first PCA event of the year. I was asked to be the guest speaker at the Zone 8 Awards Banquet – Zone 8 is southern California, southern Nevada and Arizona. We had a wonderful evening, and visited a private collection the next day. I had the pleasure of presenting my story about the Journey with my father Peter Schutz and his contributions to Porsche history when he was CEO from 1981-1988. I am scheduled to

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deliver the same presentation to regions in our area, please check the websites for the details. Current schedule is March 12th Upper Canada Region, April 2nd Rally

Sport Region, and May 8th Michiana Region.

I look forward to seeing all of you in 2019 –

Cheers – Lori



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Maumee Valley Region Social Event

**Monday March 18, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

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Toledo, OH. 43614**

<https://www.blackpearltoledo.com/>

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PCA Multi-Region Swap Meet, Car Show & Tech Quiz!!

Saturday, April 27, 2019

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



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The event opens at 10:00 am and runs through lunch
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**Maumee Valley Region – PCA
Driving Tour to Auburn, IN
Saturday April 13, 2019**

**Meet at Providence Park (Canal Boat entrance)
13827 S. River Rd.
Grand Rapids, OH. 43522**

*******9:45 am Safety Meeting*******

**Group will make a brief stop at Pontiac Park
in Defiance to pick up cars coming from that
area. Route instructions will be emailed prior
to 4/13.**

**Lunch: Mad Anthony Brewing Company
114 N. Main St.
Auburn, IN 46706
11:45 a.m.**

**After lunch about 1:00 p.m., we will proceed to the Auburn
Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum for a docent lead
tour lasting about 75 minutes (cost is \$10.50 pp)**

**If interested, we can walk over to the National Auto &
Truck Museum next to the ACD. They have multiple
buildings of cars, trucks and historical memorabilia (cost
is \$7 pp)**

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Or 419-699-3042 (Kim's cell)

MVR/PCA Membership News

February 2019 - Club
Member Anniversaries

Jim and Cheryl Wilson	21 Years
Dale and Sharon Fundum	15 Years
Joe Sheamer	6 Years
Christopher and Mary Ingersoll	5 Years
Tahir Jamil	1 Year



Don Weiler of Findlay, OH
driving a red 2017 Cayman

Mohamed & Kelly Maaraba of
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Primary Members 174
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Total Members 292

Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

FEBRUARY

- 2 UT Basketball and Dinner
12 Breakfast at Star Diner
(Central Ave.)

MARCH

- 12 Breakfast at Star Diner
(Central Ave.)
18 Dinner at Black Pearl

APRIL

- 13 Tour to Auburn, IN

MAY

- 4 Kentucky Derby Party at
Germain Motors with RSR
23 Dinner in Bowling Green

JUNE

- 15 Porsches at the Art Museum
16 Road Rally

JULY

- 14 Family Picnic at Secor Park
21-28 PCA Parade
26-28 MVR DE at Grattan

AUGUST

- 11 Party at Zimmerman's

SEPTEMBER

- 7 or 8 Golf Tournament at
Bowling Green CC
29 Tour to Findlay and Dinner

OCTOBER

- 26 Party at Schoen's (and
Planning Mtg)

NOVEMBER

- 9 Dinner at TBD

DECEMBER

- 14 Holiday Party at Stone Oak
Country Club

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 6PM (Dates TBD).

New or revised events in **BOLD**
Non-PCA events.

MVR name tags are now available for members and their associate member. Please send a note with your request to Barney Stewart at bstewart@bex.net. Tags are \$10 ea, payable on delivery.

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

Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Taken from PCA Tech Q&A

Edited and Compiled by Mike Valentine

Long Term Storage - 2005 Boxster

Question: What is the accepted practice of storing a Boxster for 3-6 months where there would be no access to electricity to run a trickle charger on the car's battery?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla.

You can remove the battery from the car and trickle charge it where electricity is available. Keep the battery off the floor by placing on a couple of strips of wood. In order to not have an issue with the front trunk lid closing without the battery, before you remove the battery manually close the latch with a flat blade screwdriver. With the latch closed, you can bring the hood down, but it will not latch.

When disconnecting the battery first disconnect the negative then the positive. When reconnecting first connect the positive then the negative.

How Do I Reset the Oil Service Light After Changing the Oil – 2014 Boxster

Question: Hi Folks. I have a 2014 Boxster, bought brand new, and love it. I've been having the dealer perform all the service, but I'd like to start doing the minor servicing myself. Things like changing the oil, etc. I'm handy, but I can't figure out how to reset the service indicator. Do I need to purchase a diagnostic box to perform those resets? If so, which do you recommend? Thanks in advance...

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla.

In contrast with many other cars where the owner can reset service lights by pressing some buttons, Porsche requires the use of specialized systems such as the PIWIS, Durametric or similar.

Happy Porsche'ing,

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I Need to Repair the Soft Top on My Boxster – 2002 Boxster S

Question: My window is cracked on the soft top... the fabric is otherwise in perfect condition. What's the recommended best approach to repair the window and do we have any preferred vendors in Denver Metro I can get in touch with? If possible, I'd like to replace the clear window and keep the existing top... not sure if that is feasible.

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla.

To sew in a new plastic window, the canvas must be removed from the top's frame and taken to an upholsterer or a boat canopy maker. You must purchase the new plastic material and pay for the sewing. Once the window is sewn back, the form will have changed a bit and as you reinstall it, the old crease marks may not coincide.

Labor to reinstall the old canvas will cost the same as labor to install a new one because it takes the same amount of time. So, I always recommend to purchase a new top altogether. You will have a much better fit and everything will be new. You can even pick a new color to freshen up the look.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Remove Horn Button – 1998 911 Carrera

Question: On a 1988 911 coupe, to get the steering wheel off, the first step is to remove the horn button by pulling back to disengage the snaps. How hard must one pull? It seems to be well attached.

Answer: Submitted by Chris Powell.

The pad snaps onto four posts, and yes, it's tight. The trick is to grab one corner with both hands and jerk it towards you. You must pull hard. Once you get one corner off, use the same technique to get the others. When you reinstall, you must punch it back on the posts one at a time. Note that the horn will sound when you do this, so remove the relay (on the fuse panel) so you don't wake the neighbors!

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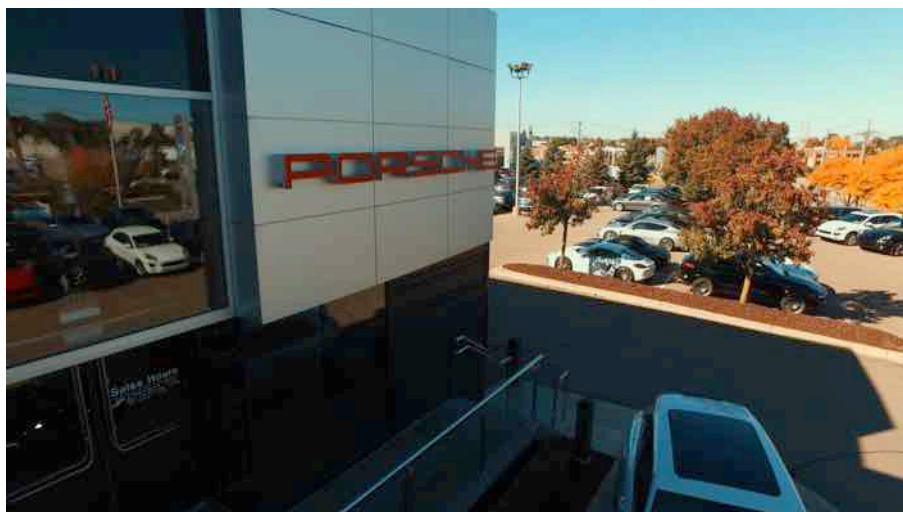
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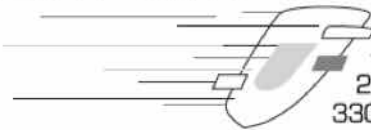
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