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Photo on cover: Dave and Evie Zimmerman at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta.

Photo by Dave Zimmerman

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The Open Road

At the 2015 MVR holiday party, Porsche of Ann Arbor, donated a trip to the Porsche Driving Experience in Atlanta. A raffle was held and Dave Zimmerman won. In the issue we have a report from Dave on his trip and the many great Porsches he and Evie drove. Thanks Dave for the great report.

We have another new advertiser starting this month, Precious Hearing. Their ad can be found on page 12. Precious Hearing is owned by Janet and Max Meyer.

The new web site is now up and running. If you have bookmarked the old one you should go in and update the link. The new site can be found at mvr.pca.org. If you have any updates or comments on the new site be sure to send them to Bob Harris at robertsharris@sbcglobal.net.

The party and fun Concours hosted by the Leadermans was well attended and fun. The area on the car chosen for the white glove wipe provided some interesting results. Thanks Barb and Rick for hosting the event. Coming up at the end of July is our Drivers Education at Grattan

Raceway. There are still openings if you are interested. On August 20th we will be meeting at Secor Metropark and then driving to Wauseon for dinner. Information is on page 9.

Be sure to check the calendar. There have been a few changes to some events.

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

.....the editor

*Editor Note:
Jeanne Krauser
has asked that I
use this picture
on the cover. I
decided that it
would be better
used for this column.*



From The Podium

By Todd Mierzwik



Greetings to everyone in the region. This summer has been flying by so far. We've had some nice get togethers including Dr. & Mrs. Zacharias hosting a

wonderful party last month at their home. A few weeks back Rick & Barb Lederman hosted a "fun Concours" with a twist at their home. Rick took several pairs of white gloves and took a wipe from a secret area on each car. The dirtiest glove was the actual winner. Kudos to Rick & Barb for hosting a fun filled event at their place.

On the calendar for next month is a combination group driving tour along with getting together at Sullivan's Restaurant out in Wauseon afterwards. The driving tour will originate at Secor Metropark and culminate at the restaurant. Check the MVR website for details.

Speaking of the website, please check out the new improved 2.0 website that Bob Harris has been working on for some time now. He has had the daunting task of taking the years of information from the club and merging it into the new website. With

the new platform, we will be able to more easily add content as time goes on. I would be remiss without thanking Janet Sternfeld for managing the club's website for the past several years. She has done a wonderful job of keeping people "connected" to the club events along with providing information along the way.

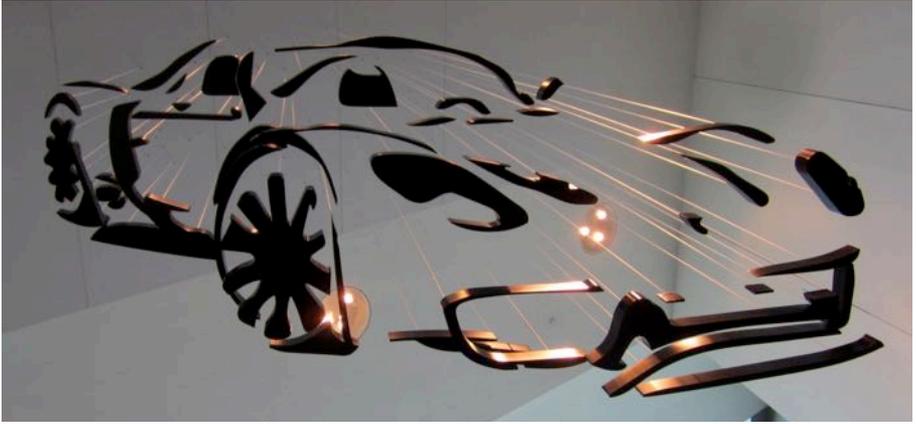
In closing, Tony Calabrese, Craig Zenil & myself have been working hard to put the finishing touches on this years HPDE at Grattan Raceway at the end of July. I can honestly say that we were quite worried about the success of the event due to an early lack of signups. There were a lot of phone calls, texting & emailing going between the three of us. I am happy to say that as of last night we have 43 participants signed up for the Grattan HPDE. We could not have made this a success without everyone giving their time, the sponsors and the participants who are looking forward to a safe DE event.

Remember to keep the blink alive!!

Todd

PORSCHE WEEKEND

by *Dave Zimmerman*



Our trip to the Porsche Experience Center was truly a weekend to remember. I'm still on cloud nine, but will try to come down long enough to relay what a wonderful weekend we had.

In case you missed it, Evie and I were at the MVR-PCA Holiday Party last November, and Porsche of Ann Arbor had donated a package for two to drive at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta. Conservative Dave sprung for just one \$10.00 ticket, and the stars aligned just right; my name was drawn from the hat!

Every detail of the weekend was absolutely first class! We arrived Friday evening at the Four Seasons in downtown Atlanta (the only Five Star hotel in Atlanta). We were treated like royalty; my name was even showing on the TV screen as we entered the room. On the counter there was a warm soft pretzel, and a toy 911-S as a souvenir. We walked around Atlanta near the

hotel to check things out, and got ready for the exciting Saturday ahead of us. We enjoyed a feast of a breakfast (thanks to Porsche of Ann Arbor) and checked out of the hotel by 10:00. We were part of a group of 10, with all the others being from Michigan. There was a shiny Mercedes Sprinter limo van waiting to take everyone south to the Experience Center, which is adjacent to the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport, and about 15 minutes from downtown. We had driven down to Atlanta so we could visit some family on the return trip, but all the others had flown down from Michigan on Friday.

Finally, we arrived at the Experience Center. It was time for the fun to begin! We were greeted by friendly hosts, and immediately signed waivers before we were allowed to go on the track. While waiting for our tour guide, we all strolled through the Porsche Retail Store, seeing lots of specialty items not

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usually sold through local dealers. I bought a key fob to match my car, but passed on the \$65.00 Tee shirts. Our tour guide arrived, and we began with a tour of the Porsche Heritage Center and Classic Gallery. There were approx. two dozen cars of significance to the Porsche history displayed, from early Speedsters and Carreras (air cooled and water cooled) to Boxsters and Caymans from each generation design. Upstairs they also had many brand new Porsches on display, some waiting for pickup by customers.

Next it was time for a gourmet lunch at Restaurant 356. We had a great view of the track, as well as planes landing on the nearby runway of Atlanta Airport. With all the anticipation of what was to come, eating was the last thing on my mind. However, Evie observed every dish as it came to our table, and was very impressed. She even had a talk with the Head Chef after our meal, and got some recipes sent to her. Call Evie for the recipe on a delicious zucchini potage (soup).

Now for the FUN! After a short classroom session to explain what was going to happen, we all made our way to the track around 2:00 PM. For the next three and a half hours, we were pumped up on pure Porsche adrenaline! First, I need to explain how it works. A usual track session is just one and a half hours long, and includes driving one car on a variety of things like the 1.6 mile road course, a shorter low friction handling course, a dynamics area for full launch control starts and panic stops, and a low friction circle and hydraulic kick-plate which throws the

car into a skid, which you must correct or do 360 donuts in the water! Normal costs for this run from \$300 in a Boxster or Cayman up to \$750 for a 911 Turbo. They have other more expensive packages driving GT3 RS models, and one that drives both a 911 Turbo and a 911 GT3 so you can compare the differences.

I'm explaining all this because as guests of Porsche of Ann Arbor, we had a much better program. Sitting before us were 10-12 brand new 2016 and 2017 Porsches. New Boxster 718's, a Cayman GTS, a Boxster 718 S, a 911 Carrera S, a 911 Carrera 4S Targa, a Panamera, and some Cayenne SUV's. For 3-1/2 hours, we had our choice of which car to drive, and where to try it out. Every car had a very polite and knowledgeable instructor showing us which line to follow, when to brake, and when to go hard and fast. The instructors must have nerves of steel to get into cars every day on a track with total strangers, but they seemed none the worse for the wear. Evie and I both drove four different models on a variety of the courses, as well as a Cayenne on the off-road course. All of the experiences were amazing! It would take too long to comment on each car, but suffice it to say the Cayenne electronics help it do things unheard of in an SUV. I knew that all Porsches were fast and handled great, but I was totally blown away at the braking power of all the Porsche models. You can't stop quicker unless you hit a brick wall! Also, these Porsche cars are just bulletproof! Drivers run the asses off them day after day, week after week, and after about six months, they put on

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new brakes and sell them. Plus, they run all day. When not on the track, they sit there idling with the A/C on in 95 degree heat hour after hour. Just amazing cars! After our exciting afternoon at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, Evie is hoping that Santa puts a Boxster under her Christmas tree in the near future.

This story would not be complete without a giant tip of the hat and sincere THANK YOU to the folks at Porsche of Ann Arbor for donating this prize package to Maumee Valley Region. Our hosts from the dealership were J.P. Lammers, General Manager, and Trisha Smith, General Sales Manager. Thank you both for making this truly a Porsche weekend to remember!



Dave enjoying his time in a new Targa

**MVR – PCA Social Event
Saturday August 20, 2016
Driving Tour and Dinner**

5:00 pm.: Meet in [Secor Park](#) at National Center for Nature Photography (restrooms available)

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5:15 pm.: Group driving tour to Wauseon (approx. 35 min)

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Also, they will be posted to our new website 2 weeks prior

6:00 pm.: Dinner reservations [Sullivans Restaurant](#)

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Saturday, September 10, 2016

Tee Time - 2:00pm

Dinner - 5:00pm



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DINNER: \$16/PP includes scrumptious ribs, delicious dogs, potato salad, beans, and iced tea. An open bar is available. (I will be donating dessert to keep the costs down.)

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For additional information please contact Michael Soriano at: MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

MVR/PCA Membership News

July 2016 - Club Member Anniversaries

Jeff and Lee Anne Snook	30 Years
Marty and Tina Nine	22 Years
Kathy Schramm and Tim Lehman	21 Years
Craig and Liala Zenil	18 Years
Diane and Jim Schoen	10 Years
Juan Penhos	9 Years
Tom Cable	6 Years
Gregory and Lisa Runion	5 Years
Lewis Mindlin	4 Years
Stuart and Holly Hathaway	3 Years
Dean Weaver	2 Years



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Primary Members	148
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Total Members	260

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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

JULY

- 9 Lederman Home Party
- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 29-31 DE at Grattan

AUGUST

- 11 Business Meeting
- 14 #Cars and Coffee
- 20 **Driving Tour**

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Golf Outing, BG Country Club
- 11 #Cars and Coffee

OCTOBER

- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 13 Business Meeting
- 22 Findlay Rod & Gun Club

NOVEMBER

- 12 Stewart Planning Party
- 13 #Cars and Coffee

DECEMBER

- 2 Holiday Party at Glass Pavilion
- 8 Business Meeting

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 7PM.

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

Announcing the new Maumee Valley Region web site.

The new and updated web site is now fully operational. You can find the new web site at:

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By PCA Technical Committee

Taken from PCA Tech Q&A
Edited and Compiled by Bob Cryan

Reliability Questions about 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Drivetrains

Question: How reliable are the different drivetrains both manual and automatic for the years 2007-2009?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt .The general rule of thumb is to always buy the newest car you can within your budget. These cars are always improving and coming with more standard features as the production progresses. The one caveat to this is when a new model is released with major changes involved (997.2 had a brand new engine design and a new transmission option) sometimes there are some real-world bugs that did not get worked out during testing. MY 2006-2008 997s (997.1) still used the M97 motor which used the "dreaded" intermediate shaft (IMS) Keep in mind that this latest version of the IMS bearing in these engines has a less than 1% failure rate, but it can still happen and is a costly repair if it does.

Other than the IMS bearing these cars are very reliable as long as they have been maintained. Deferred maintenance can compound quickly and make a "good deal" turn into a very expensive first trip to your service center. MY09 (997.2) introduced the new MA1 engine which no longer used an intermediate shaft inside the engine. These engines have proved to be almost problem-free with the exception of a few items. Early motors had high-pressure fuel pump failures and random coolant leaks. Most of these concerns have been remedied by now. In 2009, the tiptronic transmission was replaced by the PDK transmission. The PDK has also been very reliable though the early cars don't drive/shift as nice as the later cars. Both models have their own set of known concerns but neither one is a strong favorite to me. The 997.1 has a much lower resale value due to the IMS bearing scare, but that means a lower up-front cost of ownership. The downside is there is always a risk of the IMS bearing failing and due to the oversize bearing used on the late M97 motors it cannot be replaced preventatively. The 997.2 cars are more money to purchase but you don't need to "worry" about the engine.

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Adding a Bluetooth Device

Question: I have a 2005 911 Carrera with 46,000 miles. It is equipped with the standard Radio Unit with Bose Speakers and CD (1) player and no Nav, or Bluetooth. Are there any plug and play bluetooth devices available for this Radio Unit?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt. Porsche did not offer Bluetooth connectivity until MY2009. There are a multitude of aftermarket units that integrate quite seamlessly with the Porsche PCM. The most common products I see in our area are from: Dension, mObridge and NAV-TV. Many high-end stereo shops have their own preference but all three manufacturers offer a good product. I'm sure there are many more products on the market. These are just the ones we see in our area. My recommendation is to speak with your local dealership or car audio installer to see what they recommend. Using a product they are familiar with will aid in any potential troubleshooting down the road.

Inoperable Windshield Wipers And Heater Fan

Question: The electric windows, windshield wipers and heater fan on my 1986 Porsche 944 do not work. The car, with 133,000 miles, has been sitting for a while. This past winter I started it up but the afore mentioned did not work. It seemed that when ever it would rain heavy those components did not work. I thought maybe it was a water issue and if I let it sit maybe it would dry up. Subsequently, I drove it one evening for an hour or so with the fan switch on and all components worked. I assumed everything was ok. Then few weeks later I took the car out and all three have not worked since. I think maybe something is corroded but I cannot find anything.

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselin. The most likely cause is a defective X relay which is plugged into position #14 on the fuse block. To test to see if that might be the case, make a jumper from a piece of wire and two large electrical crimp connectors. Remove the relay and plug the wires into the positions marked #30 and #87. If that works, then the relay is defective and should be replaced. If it doesn't work, obtain a copy of the factory wiring diagram and use your skills of observation, theorization, and deduction to solve your problem. If that doesn't work, take it to a shop that specializes in electrical problems.

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

I have enjoyed the opportunity to attend many Parades since joining PCA. They are always event filled weeks with more activities to

attend than time, and this year was no different. The 61st Annual Parade was held in Jay Peak, VT from June 19-25. Parade officially begins with the Welcome Party on Sunday. However, I arrived on Friday to attend a number of meetings scheduled through Sunday evening, and had additional meetings throughout the week. On several mornings, I woke up before 5 a.m. and was in meetings until 6 p.m.

Between all of the meetings, I was able to find time to enjoy some of the scheduled activities. I even entered one of the many competitive events and brought home a first place trophy. On Monday, I once again served as a Concours Judge; this year judging the modified class.

Tuesday, we visited a local winery and toured the Ben and Jerry's Factory in nearby Waterbury, VT. At the Concours Banquet Tuesday evening, I had the honor of presenting the Zone Rep Award to our own Francie Kish, Parade Facilities Chair and charter member of the Rally Sport Region. Typically the Zone Reps submit their candidates and

much discussion takes place over the course of several months. At the discretion of the Zone Reps, this award may or may not be given out on an annual basis. It is one of the most prestigious awards in PCA and is given to the individual who in the opinion of the Zone Reps has made outstanding contributions to the club.

On Thursday, we participated in the Gimmick Rally, travelling throughout the area in search of the many covered bridges, and stopping to eat lunch at the Trapp Family Lodge. Thursday evening, we hosted the Zone 4 Party, which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. A great deal of thanks goes to Chris Braden of Munk's Motors for sponsoring the Zone 4 Party as well as once again sponsoring the extremely popular Zone 4 Parade shirts. We certainly appreciate his generosity and continued support of Zone 4 Events.

Friday, I attended the Tech Academy and enjoyed a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Memphremagog, taking us across the US/Canadian border. Saturday was another very busy day. It began with the Volunteer Lunch, during which I was asked by National President Caren Cooper if I would do the honor of leading the Parade of several hundred Porsches from the resort to Newport. The evening and the week ended with the Victory Banquet. After all of the awards were announced and distributed, a short video was shown introducing us to Spokane, Washington, the site of

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next year's Parade, which will be held July 9 – 15, 2017.

As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the zone. Please remember to check your region's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4, such as:

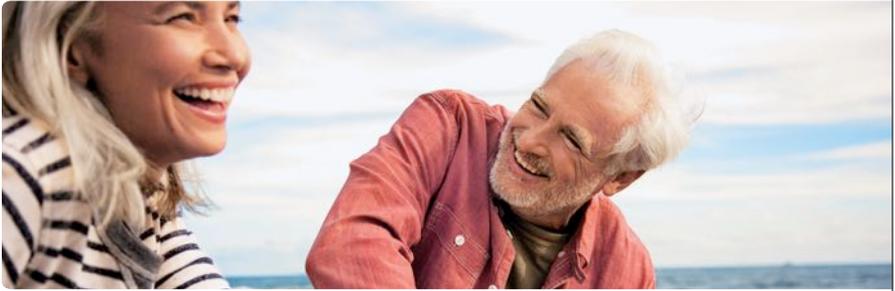
- Join Western Michigan Region on August 6 for the Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum
- August 9 is Motor-Stadt Region's Board meeting at Spagnoulo's in Okemos
- Ohio Valley Region's Monthly Board Meeting and Member Social is August 9
- On August 13 plan to attend Allegheny Region's August Rush Road Rally
- Eastern Buckeye Region's Scenic Drive to The Wine Mill in Peninsula, OH is August 13.
- Northern Ohio Region's Garage Tour is August 14
- August 19-21 is Mid-Ohio Region's Instructed HPDE at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Maumee Valley Region's August

Driving Tour is August 20

- August 21 is Southeast Michigan Region's Annual Family Picnic and Concours
- Rally Sport Region's Waterford Hills Weekend Track Days are August 26-27
- August 27 is Central Indiana Region's Carmel Artomobilia Car Show
- Michiana Region's Autocross at TireRack in South Bend is August 27

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at events throughout the upcoming year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com

Thanks,
Michael



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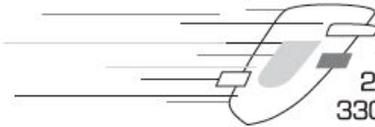
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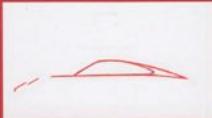


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