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**Photo on cover:** Fergie watching Mike and Barney at Mid Ohio. Must be getting ready for our DE. *Photo by Laura Valentine* 

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#### The Open Road

As I write this months column, Deb and I are making preparations for our trip to Parade. We are looking forward to seeing many old friends and making some new ones. We skipped last years Parade to make a trip to Alaska so it will be nice to catch up with everyone. We are not the only MVR members heading out to Lake of the Ozarks. There will be six other couples from MVR in attendance at this years Parade.

In addition to Parade in early July, our DE will be at the end of July. See page 7 for details.

Coming up in August is the family picnic at Secor Metro Park on the 5th and Porsches to the Mac will be at the end of the month. I know that several members are planning on making that trip as well.

Kim Harris provides a review of the Kentucky Derby Party held at Germain Porsche of Ann Arbor. The story is on page 8. The date for the drive to Port Clinton has been set. It will be on Sunday the 9th of September. This year we will be making a stop at Dock's Beach House instead of Mon Ami.

Dave Zimmerman continues to gain advertisers for the newsletter. This month, Ballas Buick-GMC adds their support for our region. Be sure to thank them when you visit their dealership.

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

How many MVR members are aware of The PCA Juniors Program? If I had to venture a guess, I would say not many. As of this writing no member of the Maumee Valley Region, to the best of my knowledge, is taking advantage of this PCA offering. Basically the Juniors Program is a new offering from PCA for enthusiasts under age 18 that have a PCA active parent. The Juniors program has been created so kids can enjoy PCA events, learn about Porsches, and share the enthusiasm that runs through the Porsche Club of America. Once enrolled Juniors will receive a welcome package that includes an age appropriate gift and a PCA badge. The program is still being developed and features will be added along the way. The good news is that there is no cost to participate. Remember, It's not just the cars.....and now it's not just the grown ups! Visit the PCA website for more details.

Now that the summer weather has arrived and we tend to spend more time behind the wheel, it's important to keep tabs on a few car maintenance items throughout the hotter summer months. Manufacturers are constantly developing and equipping their latest offerings with sophisticated gauges and read outs that keep the driver well informed. However, these systems should not replace a good old-fashion visual inspection, from time to time. Here are a few things to check before taking that trip or heading out to Parade, no matter what the vintage of

your second best gal might be.

**Cooling system (cold):** Visual inspection for leaks, squeeze the hoses looking for cracks and soft spots, check coolant level.

**Tires:** Quick check tread depth with a penny, https://www.wikihow.com/Check-Tire-Tread-with-a-Penny and replace worn tires. Check pressures, set to recommended PSI found on drivers door/manual. Under inflated tires reduce mileage and wear quicker.

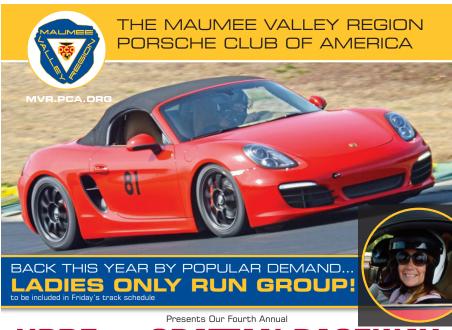
**Brakes:** This may be better left to your mechanic unless you have brake system experience. Having a braking problem away from home can, and will, be a proverbial bummer

Oil & filter change: Stay on schedule as you amass summertime miles more rapidly. Always change the filter with the oil. Keep an eye on the oil level, a properly filled crankcase helps keep your engine running cool.

**Wipers:** Replace those worn blades and keep the windshield clean (both sides) for the best vision possible. In addition, keep a good pair of sun glasses handy.

A closing thought, If you are in need of a product or service that is provided by our newsletter advertisers or our event sponsors, please give them an opportunity to furnish it to you. Thanks.

Take care, Barney.



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#### **Kentucky Derby Party**

by Kim Harris



Ready for the Race

On Saturday evening May 5th, the Maumee Valley Region of Porsche Club of America held their annual Kentucky Derby Party. The event was hosted by Germain Porsche of Ann Arbor, and attended by over 50 Porsche enthusiasts from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Event Chairman Kim Harris did an amazing job of coordinating all the activities, which made the night so memorable. Delicious food was supplied by club members and also by our host, Germain Porsche.

Each year the MVR members choose an area organization to support.

Our choice for this year is the Mobil Meals "Weekender" program, which provides meals to needy school children on the weekends. Goodie baskets, a 50/50 raffle, a "Best Hat" contest, and betting on the Derby race raised cash for this local charity. Proceeds of almost \$1,000 from this event will help to feed Toledo area children this year. Other events scheduled later this year will bring in additional funds for this same worthy cause. This highlights the slogan of the national Porsche Club of America, which is "It's not just the cars, it's the people".

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#### Photos by Kim Harris



Raffle winner Doug Crocker



Kimberlie & John Wojcik



Catherine Smillie, Bob Ponzi, with John & Suzanne Jennens

Tom Isley and Suzanne Jennens, two long time club members who are also Docents at the Toledo Museum of Art, are interested in starting a gallery group for MVR. What is a gallery group? A gallery group is a group of people who meet at the museum on a regular basis for a docent led tour. The tours are typically an hour long, can be held anytime the museum is open and are usually held the same day each month perhaps eight months out of the year. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Suzanne at sjennens@yahoo.com or Tom at trisley@bex.net.

Hello MVR Members.

Good news for those of you that have been asking how to get a MVR name tag. Many of you know we lost our name tag supplier a while back, however the good news is that we have found a new source. If you would like a tag, or tags in the case of having an associate member (wife/husband/child) please reply to my email address: bstewart@bex.net with your name and your associate member's name, if applicable. Name tag cost is \$10 each payable when you receive the Tag.

I will be placing an order in the near future.

**Barney Stewart** 



#### **Brain Teaser Challenge**

Curated by Sarah Mierzwiak

Answers must be submitted by the first of the following month – please submit one answer per person, per month, and be sure to explain your conclusions. Don't forget to tell us your name when you submit! Each month's answer will be



published along with the next month's teaser. Submit your answers to: MVRTeaser@gmail.com. Good luck!

Bob Cryan, a new MVR Board Member, and his wife Charlotte are out shopping at Germain Porsche of Ann Arbor. They are having the car prepped for the spring / summer DE season, and are purchasing a few odds and ends before the first event. Filling their arms full of needed items. including a few beautiful Porsche shirts and driving gloves for both of them, they head to the cashier to pay their bill. Charlotte has one particular set of items in her hands, and setting them on the counter, asks the salesperson: "How much does 1 cost?" The salesperson answers:

"One costs \$0.99." Bob responds: "Okay, how about 12?" "That will be one dollar and 98 cents" the salesperson responds. Bob and Charlotte chat with each other for a moment, and Charlotte says: "Okay, if we take 128 and 137, how much will that be?" The salesperson responds: "\$5.94". Bob and Charlotte pay for their items and head to dinner in Ann Arbor, confident they and their car are ready for the upcoming DE. What are the items that Bob and Charlotte needed for the DE, and purchased for \$5.94?

Answer for last months challenge: Judy and Marshall were still able to experience world travel "setting in a corner" of Northwest Ohio, through the stamped postcards their granddaughter sent them each week from all the exotic locations she was visiting on her vacation!

There were no responses to last months challenge. Don't forget that anyon can contribute an answer. The more unique it is, the better.

I AT NVR-PGA

It's time for a good old fashion



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 5th From 1:00 pm. - ?

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#### **Around the Zone**

PorschePlatz weekend.

By Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Representative

We are in full summer swing in Zone 4. The month of May was all about racing and enjoying our Porsches on the road. I started out at Mid Ohio, again, for the IMSA

This was a combined effort between Porsche Cars North America Mark Harston, IMSA representatives
Tiffany and Diezel Lodder, and our own Lynn Friedman our PorschePlatz Queenof Porsche Club of America, as well as many volunteers from Mid Ohio and other regions. We had over 100 attendees each day and filled the Porsche Corral with fantastic

representatives of the Marque.

work. Our Michelin friends, we enjoyed a presentation and visit during our coffee and donuts



Next stop was the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which is near and dear to my heart having grown up in southern Indiana and have a longstanding tradition to attend with my brothers. I joined the Central Indiana Region for the Grand Prix

race day, and was back for Carb day and of course the Indy 500.

I hope you are all having as much fun with your Porsche pals as I am. Happy Driving!

Lori Schutz – Zone 4 Rep

Some lucky members had a chance to get a hot lap in a 911 from Porsche Sports Driving School. Others had the opportunity to spend time in the pits during the race and witness a pitstop and all the action up close.

Our Sunday morning began with me picking up the order from Dunkin Donuts that Lynn setup. We made it



#### MVR/PCA Membership News

#### June 2018 - Club Member Anniversaries

46 Years Jay and Pat Kjoller William and Shirley Straley 46 Years Dick and Shirley Gobba 40 Years Ruth and Hannah Gulliford 35 Years Ieff and Teri Vollmar 34 Years Leighton and Marcia Woolf 31 Years William and Anne Byrnes 13 Years Allan Kaufman 12 Years **Bob and Kim Harris** 9 Years Mark and Shanan Beck 6 Years James Frey 5 Years Gerald and Karen Hergenreder 5 Years Gary Schulz and Christine Parks 5 Years Iohn and Kimberlie Wojcik 5 Years Tam and Carine Abdul Aziz 3 Years David Kanarowski 3 Years Iohn and Debbie Kos 3 Years Shawn and Audrey Leach 3 Years Matt Pfeiffer 2 Years Branton and Iulie Pardee 1 Year Philip and Barbara Fitzenrider 1 Year Jon and Amy Jeter 1 Year



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Eric Coppock (Laura) Findlay, Oh (transfer from Ohio Valley) driving a red 1989 911 Carrera

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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**

8-14 Parade 27-29 MVR DE

#### **AUGUST**

5 MVR Family Picnic at Secor Park

17-19 Porsches to the Mac

#### SEPTEMBER

9 Tour to Port Clinton and meal at Docks Beach House

12-16 Treffen to Banff 29 – Snooks Car Museum

#### **OCTOBER**

21 Color tour to Findlay and Planning party at The Pitts

#### **NOVEMBER**

Ford Rouge Plant tour and lunch at Ford's Garage

30 Holiday Party

#### **DECEMBER**

TBD

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

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

If you are not currently receiving Social Event e-mail updates, please contact Kim Harris at 2kimberlydharris@gmail.com



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#### Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Taken from PCA Tech Q&A Edited and Compiled by Mike Valentine

#### **Leather Cleaning Products for Ventilated Seats – 2014 Boxster**

**Question**: Any advice on cleaning leather ventilated seats? Any specific products, brushes, etc. appreciated.

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Try not to use products that come in a gel or paste. These tend to get into the leather's perforations and will be difficult to clean. use a leather cleaner and conditioner in liquid form that you can spray onto a microfiber cloth and then apply to the leather. If the perforations are full of debris, you can use a strong vacuum to try to suck out the material or you can alternatively blow it in using compressed air. Several of the perforations may require that you use a dental pick or such to physically open up the perf again.

Happy Porsche'ing,

## 996 Turn Signal Fuse Keeps Blowing Out – 2004 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet

Question: The turn signal fuse on my '04 C4S keeps burning out.

- 1. replaced the Fuse: Row B, fuse 6 15A
- 2. use signal, shorts immediately
- 3. went to a 20A fuse, then the relay shorted

I'm thinking there must be a ground short somewhere but not sure the best way to trace this out.

Any suggestions or ideas?

Answer: Submitted by Bill Burris. Fact: Your diagnosis is 100% accurate, you've clearly got a "circuit fault to ground" that's blowing the fuse. Where you're coming up short (no pun intended) is in the repair approach. Increasing the amp rating of the fuse is giving you an expected result - other stuff is burning out: You're lucky it was the relay and not the wire harness itself that took the heat! Let's spend a moment on the theory behind bulbs and fuses, then launch into a circuit diagnosis.

A bulb is really nothing more than a coil of wire that gets heated up with power running through it. It doesn't take much, but give the bulb power at the base and ground the housing then bingo, the bulb lights up. The filament is made to take the punishment and isn't consumed in the process - much the same way the heating element in your toaster gets red hot but lasts for years. Power has this funny way of taking the path of least resistance, so if another path is introduced where the resistance is lower

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(like straight to ground instead of through the bulb filament) that's the path it'll take.

Ok, let's say there was some accident damage and the body shop neglected to repair the turn signal wire that is now grounding out. The first time you activate the turn signal, power will run through the circuit, straight to ground, attempting to turn the wire harness into a filament (more like the toaster element) and the weakest link in the circuit will overheat first. In most cases, it's the fuse.

So, you can see how putting a bigger fuse in the circuit doesn't repair anything, it just takes longer to heat up and burn through the stronger fuse - except in the case of your turn signal circuit it's the contacts in the turn signal relay that burned through first.

Now for some diagnosis. You can use an ohm meter to track down the part of the circuit that's giving you trouble since an ohm meter will measure resistance - which in the case of your turn signal will be zero resistance since you've got power running straight to ground. You know the circuit with the issue is after the relay (between the relay and the lamp) because the relay heated up, so start there. It may be as simple as looking at the back of the turn signal assembly to find the wire is dangling there, right up against a supporting bracket!

#### Early Style Sunroof Problem - 1986 944

**Question**: I have an early 1986 944. The sunroof will release to allow the lift off of the panel but the arms that tilt the roof do not function. I hear a grinding noise from the sunroof motor. As it is an early 1986 build it has cables to activate the arms and not the plastic gears used in later 1986 builds and subsequent cars. Is the potentially damaged gear in the sunroof motor replaceable or does the complete motor need to be replaced?

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselin. The sunroof mechanism that you have in your car is what is in the 944 cars with electric sunroof from model years 84 to early 86. The PET for the 82-85 944 cars has a pretty good diagram in figure 811-05. The most likely culprit is not the gear attached to the motor, but rather the center gearbox in the rear of the roof (indicated by #5 in the diagram.) Before you start throwing parts at the car, I would suggest using the diagnostic and the clutch adjustment procedure for the early sunroof at the Clarks Garage Shop Manual (http://www.clarks-garage.com/shop-manual/body-03.htm (link is external)). In thirty years, I have not seen the gear on the sunroof motor break. I have seen the clutch become maladjusted through wear.



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