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**Photo on cover:** Have you had your Porsche out yet?

*Photo by Tom Isley*

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address so you don't miss an issue of  
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## The Open Road

We had a few days of weather suitable for driving our special cars. I know that I had mine out, did you get your out? Of course the weather had to turn nasty again, but spring will be here soon and driving weather will be back again.

The Laser Tag and dinner social will be over by the time you read this. I hope you made it out to event. Our next event will be the driving tour and brunch on April 30. We are returning to Mon Ami again this year. This tour and brunch are always well attended. Be sure to get it on your calendar and don't miss out.

The Kentucky Derby is going to be celebrated again by the club with a party at Porsche of Ann Arbor on May 6th. This is a chance to show off your best hat and dress while cheering your favorite horse.

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](http://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 Todd or one of the other officers know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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 Mierzwia*

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The Porsche community was busy today in the Maumee Valley Region. We had a scheduled event starting out at Funigan's with the intent to rid the world of zombies!

Everyone met out at the warehouse to don vests and arm themselves with "laser guns" for a fun filled afternoon. Afterwards, everyone met up at the Grape Leaf Diner for dinner and camaraderie.

On the other side of the city, I was out at the Maumee Bay Resort for the annual Zone 4 President's meeting. It started Friday night with the regional presidents meeting up for dinner downtown at the Docks. Sarah & I had a chance to rekindle friendships with people outside the region that we don't see too often. On Saturday, it was meetings all day from 8am to 6pm. The topics ranged from what other regions are experiencing, some new PCA minimum standards for Driving Tours, along with topics going on in other zones. Caren Cooper, PCA National President ran the agenda and we discussed how PCA as a club is doing overall. The Executive Committee has lofty goals to increase membership across the country and is giving back to the individual regions as a whole in terms of financial assistance, guidance and bringing new programs out to the members. Craig Zenil,

Barney Stewart & myself will be out there again today for an all day meeting to go discuss what is going on in the DE community and how it is evolving.

Lastly, if you haven't already done so, please consider doing a Driver Education event with us this year. We have our 3rd annual Grattan DE in July. You can register at [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net). If you have any questions about it, please feel free to reach out to one of us & we would be happy to answer any questions. I hope to see everyone soon at an upcoming Maumee Valley event & remember to keep the blink alive !

Todd

## Board Meeting Minutes

*by Adam Cufu, Secretary*

January, 12, 2017

Attendees:

Todd Mierzwiak, Mike Valentine, Bob Harris, Kim Harris, Laura Valentine, Barney Stewart, Bob Cryan, Adam Cufu, Lee Burlingame

New Board Members Welcomed – Lee Burlingame and Bob Cryan

Jeff Vollmar has resigned from the board due to schedule constraints; Bob Cryan has taken his place. Welcome and thanks, Bob!

The club's Code Of Regulations (Bylaws)

- Need to be ratified, need to have a quorum to be done officially, which could be at a club social event, if need be.
- The bylaws were briefly reviewed by the board, with extra attention being paid to the renewal terms to be used for re-election. Bob Cryan has volunteered to review the bylaws and email his thoughts to the group before the next Board Meeting.
- The Board will discuss changes at the next Board Meeting. The club will receive the document to review before the Mon Ami event, and it will be ratified at that event with sufficient members present.

Website Modifications

- The ratified bylaws will be placed on the website for public view.

- The Board Members will be added to the website to facilitate awareness within the club
- Should we add sponsors/underwriters to the website?
- We will add forms and resources to the site (DE Tech, etc.)

Treasurer

- As new Treasurer, Sarah Mierzwiak has established a new club checking account at Directions Credit Union - \$3,000 was deposited as an initial deposit – authorized signers are Sarah, Todd, and Jeff
- Jeff will complete the 2016 tax filing before his resignation is in-force
- The donated watch at the Holiday Party resulted in a \$200 upside for the club

Social Events

- 45-year club anniversary: are we going to have a guest speaker for a special event?
- Bob Cryan will learn more about having the head of Porsche Classic Restoration (in Atlanta) to be a guest speaker .

Miscellaneous:

- Kim Harris will send a link to members suggesting they update their contact information at the national PCA site.

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- It was suggested that a MVR Facebook page/group be created. No further action was suggested.
- The December issue of Der Ruckspiegel was missing four pages because of a printing error. It is suggested that the printer print the four pages and send them out separately so they can be added to the correct issue. Barney Stewart will communicate that to the printer.

Grattan - July 28, 29, 30

- The Board would like to inspire more attendance at next year's event.
- It was agreed that sponsorships will be handled by various members; no sponsorship chair will be selected because of the nature of the individual sponsor relationships

- Laura Valentine suggests a women's group at this event. Details are to be determined.
- We will connect with other car clubs to grow attendance: BMW, Viper, Cobra, etc.
- The contract was signed and returned to Sam with a deposit of \$1,500
- Event flyer is to be developed for the event

Next Board/Business Meeting: March 9th



**Maumee Valley Region**  
**Annual Tour & Brunch at Mon Ami Winery**  
in Port Clinton, Ohio

**New Member Party**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017**



**Tour**

Meet at Ft. Meigs in Perrysburg  
Drivers meeting: 9:15  
Tour: 9:30

**Brunch at Noon**

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MVR/PCA Membership News

March 2017 - Club  
Member Anniversaries

Skip and Andy Holst	32 Years
Sandra and Alan Kinker	32 Years
Kevin Woeller	31 Years
Charles and Kristine Schaub	24 Years
Dan and Jonna Dessner	22 Years
Richard and Andrew Grieser	20 Years
Greg and Victoria Herr	18 Years
Dax and Robin Bushmeyer	11 Years
Jeffery and Mary Jo Denker	10 Years
Marc and Kathy Woodward	10 Years
Christopher Sim	7 Years
Jay and Karen Viery	7 Years
Michael and Debra Calabrese	6 Years
Jeff and Susan Diehr	2 Years
Evan Ericksen	1 Year



New Members

None

**Maumee Valley Region Membership:**

Primary Members	148
Affiliate Members	113
Total Members	261

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## Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

Check our web site at [www.mvr.pca.org](http://www.mvr.pca.org) for the latest event information.

### MARCH

18 Laser Tag, Dinner at The Grape Leaf

### APRIL

30 Tour to Mon Ami with Brunch

### MAY

6 Kentucky Derby Party

### JUNE

10 Tour to Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN  
11 Brunch after Cars & Coffee

### JULY

8 At Lederman's - 'RC Cars' and Lunch provided  
9-15 Parade  
28-30 MVR DE at Grattan Raceway

### AUGUST

12 Tour to Findlay followed by picnic

### SEPTEMBER

16 Party at Valentine's  
20-24 PCA Treffen Asheville, NC

### OCTOBER

21 Color Tour to Irish Hills

### NOVEMBER

11 2018 Planning meeting at Schoen's

### DECEMBER

1 or 2 Holiday Party (MVR 45th Anniversary)

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



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## Run for the Roses Party

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POST TIME: 5:30 – 7:30 pm [Derby runs 6:34-6:36]

PLACE: Germain Motors (Volkswagen Bldg)  
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## Technical Q and A

*By PCA Technical Committee*

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Taken from PCA Tech Q&A

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### **Cayman Exhaust Choices – 2014 Cayman S**

**Question:** For the 2014 Cayman S, are there any reviews on the aftermarket exhaust systems?

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Aside from the OEM Porsche Sport Exhaust, which in my opinion is the best one of all, Fabspeed is a good albeit expensive option. Most of the other aftermarket pieces will drone at certain engine RPMs.

### **Warm Start Difficulty – 1990 944 S2 Cabriolet**

**Question:** 1990 944 S2 Cabriolet will not start when warm. Starts perfectly when cold and runs beautiful. As soon as engines warms up, will not warm start. Engages and shuts down, after continued start attempts will hunt for 15-30 seconds. With continued attempts, will hunt then all cylinders engage and engine runs perfect. I believe it may be electronic as all components effecting the fuel rail have been changed. New components: Fuel pump and check valve; Fuel pressure regulator; Fuel pressure Damper; Fuel Injectors; Engine Temperature sensor; Ignition control module. Removed the Air Fuel Monitor and cleaned the plug-in terminals. Any advice would be appreciated. Thanks

**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. The symptoms are typically those of a fuel pressure leak down and resulting vapor lock in the injection system. The best way to diagnose this problem is by measuring the residual fuel pressure using a fuel pressure gauge attached to the fuel rail. The residual fuel pressure should be 2.0 bar +/- 0.2 bar on a static engine. In addition, you can use an infrared heat gun to see which cylinders are not firing under this condition. The exhaust manifold on the non-firing cylinders will not be as warm as the cylinders that are working properly. My best guess would be that one or more of the fuel injectors is not sealing properly.

### **Approved Coolant – 2014 Boxster**

**Question: Can I top off my coolant level with OAT coolant?**

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. OAT coolant is what's in your car from the factory. What's important is that it be phosphate free and silicate free. But most of the time if you need to top off with a few ounces, it's easier to use distilled water instead. If you need a quart or more or you live in the frozen white north where coolant mix is critical and can freeze then use coolant mix. The coolant systems in these cars should not require maintenance. If your level is low, then you need to find out where it is leaking from.

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### **IMS Question – 2007 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet**

**Question:** I recently purchased a 2007 C4S Cab. It has a good history, 2 owner car 64,000 miles. How worried should I be about an IMS failure?

**Answer:** Submitted by Dustin Aydt. The dreaded IMS failure is a topic on the top of every 9X6/9X7 owner's mind. The numbers that were released during the class action lawsuit were that the 1997-2001 double-row IMS bearings suffered a less-than 1% failure rate; 2001-2005 with the single-row bearings were listed as 8% failure rate and the 2005-2008 vehicles with the 3rd gen IMS bearing (single row but much larger diameter) were also below 1% failure rate. You fall into the last category. This means that while there is a chance of failure, it is quite small. I personally have only seen a few IMS failures on this 3rd generation bearing design. If the car has had regular maintenance, especially oil changes, you probably fall into the lower half of that "less than 1%." My general recommendation when asked my opinion on this situation is to not let the small failure rate ruin your ownership experience. Unlike the 2 previous bearing designs there is no easy preventative maintenance for the latest style bearing which leaves our hands tied. Take care of you Porsche and you will get many years of driving enjoyment. Our repair facility recommends changing the engine oil at least every 1 year/10K miles (contrary to the factory interval of 2 years/20K.) Frequent oil changes are cheap insurance.

### **No Start. All Dash Lights On and an Electrical Motor On/Off Sound- 2002 911 Turbo**

**Question:** First year with this car so sorry for what I hope is a newbie question. Stored the car this winter. Today I went out to install my new floor mats and moved the seat back as instructed, No problem. When done I went to move the seat back and the seat wouldn't move. I tried inserting the key, still no luck. Put the key to the on position and nothing other than all the idiot lights lit up (it is trying to tell me something). Removed the key and all lights stayed on and a noise like an electrical motor was trying to start over and over...noise and lights continued for 15+ minutes. I was able to get that to stop but if I try to start it again...same thing. I noticed the driver window lowered about 3-4 inches. The car was stored for the winter and not started since November. On jack stands with a trickle charger. Really hoping you are going to tell me it is just the battery or some combination to reset something. I do have a video of the noise but hoping it won't get to that...thanks for the help!

**Answer:** Submitted by Luis Verdiales. Hello. First verify that the battery terminals are clean and secure, then have the battery load tested, if these items check out then the power distribution cables and crimp terminals need to be inspected for a voltage drop, these are routed from the battery positive terminal to the power module behind the front bulkhead and then towards the starter and alternator at the rear of the vehicle, However most of the time these symptoms are indicative of a defective battery,

## Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative

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Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

I recently attended the Winter Board of Directors Meeting in Los Angeles, arriving early enough to be able to take a beautiful new Porsche out at the

Porsche Driving Experience. After the day of fun, I spent 2 entire days in meetings, including the Board of Directors Meeting. The weekend concluded with a reception held at the newly opened Porsche Experience Center in Carson, CA, where the evening began with a tour. This beautiful facility consists of the Porsche Driving Experience, a Human Performance Center, a Driving Simulator Center, and Porsche Exclusive.

The center is also the new home of Porsche Motorsports North America, the only authorized provider in the US and Canada for the sale, parts supply, and service of all specially manufactured Porsche racecars. A large glass wall provides visitors a view of the workshop, where historical racing cars are repaired and track vehicles are maintained. In the lobby was displayed an amazing collection of Porsches including a 911R, a GT3RS, a 917, as well as a 959 prototype. The workshop display contains some very iconic racecars. Following the tour, we enjoyed a cocktail reception in the café

adjacent to the boutique before sitting down to a wonderful dinner at Restaurant 917.

With the unseasonably warm days sprinkled throughout this winter, many members have already been able to take off the car covers, unplug the trickle chargers, and get out for a drive. I attended Motor-Stadt's Annual Holiday Dinner at the Spartan Hall of Fame Café, which had an excellent turnout from the region. This year's event included a speaker. Lori Mauthe, whose father, Peter Schutz was the CEO of Porsche AG in the 80's, entertained us with numerous anecdotes of his time in charge of Porsche, including how he saved the 911.

I also recently attended ARPCA's All Member Dinner at the Blue North Restaurant in Pittsburgh. The region filled the restaurant to capacity for this dinner, which celebrated the region's new members.

They welcomed the new members with wonderful donated prizes and encouraged them to continue to participate and enjoy the camaraderie that is PCA. During the evening they also presented their enthusiast of the year awards. It was a wonderful evening and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Events are continually being added to the region calendars. Please remember to frequently check your inboxes, region's newsletter and website. Many regions' events calendars are posted on

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the Events page of the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> . Visit the website for the latest details on many of the events that are being planned. Here are just some of the events taking place this month:

- MOR/OVR/CIR Social at the Taj Ma Garaj in Dayton is April 8
- April 11 is Motor-Stadt Region's Board Meeting at Spagnoulos's in Okemos
- Michiana Region's Business Meeting at Dandino's Supper Club in Goshen is April 12
- April 15 is Rally Sport Region's Time with Tim at Rennstat at ArborMotion in Ann Arbor
- Ohio Valley Region's Spring Classic

Driving Tour is April 22

- April 22 is Southeast Michigan Region's New Member Gathering
- Western Michigan Region's Stroganoff Cook Off is April 22
- April 28-30 is Central Indian Region's DE and Instructor Development at Putnam Park
- Northern Ohio Region's Spring DE at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course is April 28-30
- ARPCA's Spring Road Rally is April 30

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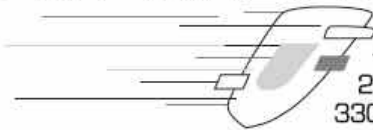
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