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The Open Road

In this issue we have a story by Dr. Bahu Shaikh about how a 944S saved his life. On page 7 is a review of the escape room and dinner at Granite City by Bob Cryan. Thank you both for providing stories for the newsletter. The review of the tour of the Toledo Museum of art will be in next months issue. I had a great time providing my insight of the various works of art.

Continuing our string of breakfast meetings will be one on March 20 and then in April on the 17th. These meetings provide a chance to meet with members and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Terri and Jeff Vollmar will be hosting a party at their house on the 21st of April. The weather should be to a point where we can feel confident on getting the Porsche out for the drive. Details can be found on page 25.

The social committee is working hard on the Derby party that will be held at Germain Porsche of Ann Arbor in May. This will be in conjunction with the members of Rally Sport region. Having the members from Rally Sport join us

will provide a chance to meet new Porsche lovers. Should be fun.

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.

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

Hello MVR;

I always look to April 15th as the day we settle up with our dear uncle, and on the brighter side, bid good bye to the cold and damp. That's not to say Mother Nature couldn't still have a trick or two up her sleeve.

Along with the change of season comes the need for a heightened awareness of those we share the road with. Motorcycles and bicycles will be out in numbers, as well as pedestrians and joggers. Both drivers and those we share the road with, need to be mindful of good safety practices. While the vast majority of those using the roads are safety conscious, I personally find the greatest challenge to be at dusk and evening. The absence of reflective clothing and or sufficient lighting by some puts drivers at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to accident avoidance. Sadly, we hear or read about unfortunate accidents every year. So as traffic increases in the warmer months, we need to be extra vigilant in our travels.

The recent MVR Toledo Museum of Art tour followed by dinner at the Beirut Restaurant was a great success. With nearly 40 attendees, we once again showed great support for a club event. Museum Docents and club members Suzanne Jennens and Tom Isley split the group in half. Then half way through the allotted tour time, they switched

groups so each visitor had time with each guide. It was evident Suzanne and Tom were in their element, rightfully proud of our Museum and for the chance to share this Toledo treasure with us. Each Docent created an interactive experience, by asking the group our interpretations, of what each artist may have wanted to convey. Thanks Suzanne and Tom, well done!

Kim Harris and the Social committee have been working on this year's Kentucky Derby party held at Porsche of Ann Arbor. We recently met with JP Lammers and Rhiannon Stewart in Ann Arbor to discuss arrangements. This year has a new twist, we will be welcoming our cousins from Rally Sport Region to join us for the event. We have been blessed with an abundance of sunshine for our first two Derby's and this year will un-doubly be the same. Check the der RUCKSPIEGEL or our web site for additional information, and plan on joining us for the Derby.

Don't forget registration for Parade opens on April 2nd at noon.

Safe travels to all,

Barney.

Mystery Room and Dinner at Granite City

by Bob Cryan Photos by Laura Valentine

The February MVR event was a delightful combination of play and eating at the Shops at Fallen Timbers. We gathered for the “play” part at The Escape Game Experience. This venue is sandwiched in between The Limited Express and Victoria Secret making it difficult right at the start to keep “SOME MEMBERS” focused. By 5:30 we had 16 folks ready to solve the escape puzzle Quest for the Elder Wand- a wizarding school adventure in one room or being trapped in a world of a Zombie Apocalypse in the other room. We divided into 2 teams and began the quest to solve the puzzle presented and successfully escape within an hour. The Wizzarding School Quest involved finding clues, performing spells and solving puzzles to retrieve the elder wand Group 1 was well equipped to solve this puzzle escaping just in time. Group 2 was also successful managing to find the cure while coping with a

smorgasbord of brains to save the world while eliminating the Walking Dead. It really was great fun and revealed to each of us participating the value of cooperation and sharing.

Thanks to Kim and Laura’s superior organization and planning we finished “escaping” right on time and headed to the Granite City Food and Brewery to join 19 other members for dinner and libations. We welcomed new members Barb and Keith Martin. This restaurant was new to many of the members and quite pleasant. Very interesting beyond the extensive menu was the variety of beers brewed on the spot. All agreed that returning there for dinner would be a great option! GO SOCIAL COMMITTEE!!!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART ON MARCH 10TH!



How My 944S Helped Save My Life

by Bahu S. Shaikh, M.D.

It was a fine late spring evening in Northwest Ohio, and I had just finished seeing patients in the Oncology Clinic at Fremont Memorial hospital. It was the mid 1980s, and I had started my private practice only a few years before. I thought it was a good time to reward myself and upgrade my ride, so I decided to park my sky-blue Datsun 240Z and lease a beautiful Guards Red Porsche 944S. I was excited to get in my new car for the drive back home. I tuned into the NPR station to get the latest news and took the rural highway route to Perrysburg.

The sky was clear, the sun was setting in front of me and the visibility was perfectly fine. I was on a two-lane divided highway with a grassy median, but it was not limited-access, and there were some cross roads with stop signs. I settled into position some distance behind a truck, enjoying my car's wonderful cruising performance, driving just below the 55-mph posted speed limit. I wanted just to relax and unwind on my drive back home.

From the corner of my eye, I saw an old Buick sedan stopped at the stop sign at the cross road ahead on my right. Its elderly driver apparently failed to see my car approaching. As soon as the truck passed the intersection the Buick started to roll forward. I could hardly believe my eyes as I was closing in on the

intersection. I asked myself, How can this driver not see my bright red Porsche approaching? Before I could fully react, the big sedan smashed into the passenger-side of my car.

Both of my front airbags deployed and I was blinded to the outside world for a few moments. The next thing I was aware of was that my car had come to a stop. The cabin was full of smoke from the airbags, which had also blown out the sunroof. There was a man looking down, through the hole where the sunroof had been, asking me if I was alright. Since he could not open the driver side door, he asked me to climb out through the open sunroof, afraid that the smoking car might catch fire. I complied, and was able to unbuckle my seat and shoulder belt, climb onto the seat, and slide myself out of the sunroof with his help.

As I got out, I realized that the collision had caused my car to go across the grassy median and come to rest in the fast lane on the opposite side of the road. There was a truck standing right there, having come to a stop only a few feet short of hitting my car. It was the truck driver who had helped me get out of my car. Later, he told me that I was lucky that he witnessed the accident in progress with just enough time to stop his truck, or else things could have been a lot worse. Soon after,

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the state trooper arrived and called for the ambulance. I was strapped to a Gurney and prepared to be transported to the hospital. On the way, they were surprised to learn that I was a physician, when I started to direct them to start an IV and administer fluids. I was having significant pain in my rib cage and abdomen, and I was concerned that I might go into shock from my internal injuries. I requested that they take me to a larger hospital closer to home, as I had friends working in the emergency room who were experienced in trauma care and I was sure that they would do their best to help me out. After all the tests and X-rays it was determined that I had indeed suffered some internal injuries, including contusion of the liver and lungs, several fractured ribs and a minor concussion. I was thankful to God that I did not have life-threatening injuries which might have required immediate surgery. I also realized, that despite these injuries, the airbags in my 944 had protected my vital organs, lessened the severity of my injuries, and may have even helped to save my life.

Just for precaution, the doctors insisted that I be admitted to the hospital for observation. I told them that being a doctor, I could observe myself at home, where I would be more comfortable. They would have nothing to do with that idea of mine and rejected it outright. I decided to follow their advice and stay. Since my condition improved overnight, I was discharged the next day.

My 944S was not as fortunate though, my insurance company declared that it was a total loss. To my shock and surprise, the company pointed out that I did not have “gap” coverage on my policy. They could only give me a depreciated price for my vehicle, a figure substantially less than the current residual value of the lease. Since I had to make up the difference in cash, I decided to buy a used Mercedes sedan.

It’s been three decades, and I am once again the owner of a Porsche. This time a 911 Carrera S, but I still think of my 944S fondly and remember the good times we had together driving all over northwest Ohio and southern Michigan.

Besides, what person doesn’t love a car that helped save his life?



Porsche 944S

Acrylic on canvas by:
Bahu S. Shaikh M.D.

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Social Committee Update

The year has gotten off to a nice start with events for MVR. Beth Stewart worked with Biaggi's to prepare a special menu for us. This is often a requirement when restaurants are trying to accommodate larger groups. Based on my view of all the empty plates after dinner, I would say that everyone found their selection to be delicious! Over thirty members came out in the middle of January to enjoy each other's company and the ambiance at such a fine restaurant. Laura Valentine won our drawing for a MVR label bottle of wine. What a sweet way to end the evening.

As we were pulling together ideas to suggest for 2018 activities, a few members encouraged me to do some research of other regions. One thing new I found on their calendars was some mid-week breakfast gatherings. After discussion with attendees at our planning party in November, Social Committee set up some dates on our calendar. Catherine Smillie made arrangements with Star Diner for the third Tuesday of the month January through April to give it a try. Although there has been a smaller turnout than we had hoped, the folks who have been able to make the events have really enjoyed themselves. Next breakfast is coming up on April 17 and we look forward to seeing you there.

Two events this year encourage members to include their children and grandchildren. Snooks Car Museum will be opening their doors on September 29 for MVR families to roam and enjoy the collection. Social Committee is planning some fun snacks for the morning so mark your calendars. Our premier family event is planned on August 5 at Secor Park. Dust off your picnic baskets and get ready for a day full of activities for all ages to participate and enjoy the beautiful setting.

Of course we have events lined up to get the cars out on the road! We start with a Home Party in Shelby Township Michigan hosted by Teri & Jeff Vollmar on April 21. Then we meet in Ann Arbor at Germain Motors for a Kentucky Derby Party on May 5. Get those bowties and hats out of storage for our annual charity event to which we have invited RSR members. June 10 is a brunch at Brandywine Country Club after Cars & Coffee. A driving tour to Port Clinton in September, color tour to Findlay in October, Ford River Rouge plant tour in November and our Holiday Party on November 30 at Brandywine. Social Committee has planned a variety of events so come out and have fun!

Kim

MVR/PCA Membership News

March 2018 - Club
Member Anniversaries

Skip and Andy Holst	33 Years
Sandra and Alan Kinker	33 Years
Kevin Woeller	32 Years
Charles and	
Kristine Schaub	25 Years
Dan and Jonna Dessner	23 Years
Richard and	
Andrew Grieser	21 Years
Greg and Victoria Herr	19 Years
Dax and Robin Bushmeyer	12 Years
Jeffery and	
Mary Jo Denker	11 Years
Marc and	
Kathy Woodward	11 Years
Christopher Sim	8 Years
Jay and Karen Vieri	8 Years
Michael and	
Debra Calabrese	7 Years
Jeff and Susan Diehr	3 Years
Evan Ericksen	2 Years

Maumee Valley Region
Membership:

Primary Members	157
Affiliate Members	106
Total Members	263

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



New Members

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Driving a midnight blue 1992 911
Carrera 2

Craig Jones
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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

MARCH

- 10 Toledo Museum of Art Tour and dinner at Beirut
- 20 Breakfast at Star Diner

APRIL

- 17 Breakfast at Star Diner
- 21 Party at Jeff Vollmar's house
- 25-29 Treffen to Tamaya

MAY

- 5 Kentucky Derby Party at Germain Motors in Ann Arbor

JUNE

- 10 Brandywine Brunch after Cars & Coffee

JULY

- 8-14 Parade
- 27-29 MVR DE

AUGUST

- 5 MVR Family Picnic at Secor Park
- 17-19 Porsches to the Mac

SEPTEMBER

- 8 or 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

- 3 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).

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Non-PCA events.

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Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

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Spark Plugs & AOS – 2000 Boxster S

Question: Two questions. At what mileage should I worry about changing the spark plugs?

I am noticing a bit of white smoke on morning start up. Should I be concerned about replacing the AOS immediately? Thanks for your help.

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Spark plugs are replaced at 60,000miles.

If it's smoking on startup on a regular basis replace the AOS as soon as possible.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Scheduled Maintenance On a Used 987.2 – 2011 Cayman S

Question: Spark plugs (coils) have not been changed since 34,000 now 58,000, no roughness in engine, should they be changed? Recently purchased Cayman S. Records are not clear but seems brake fluid has not been flushed since July 2012. Should it be flushed soon?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Unless you have a misfire, you do not need to replace the coil packs, especially at such a low mileage. The brake fluid should be flushed every 2 years, religiously.

Happy Porsche'ing,

Fan Removal – 1976 914 2L

Question: I just discovered on my new to me 1976 914 2L that it is missing multiple fan vanes in a row, along with no timing marks. I sourced a good fan and now am looking into replacing it. Is it possible to do this with the engine in the car or do I have to bite the bullet and drop the engine/gearbox?

Answer: Submitted by Edward Mayo Yes, it can be done in the car, doesn't make it easy, but still better than taking the lump out. You will need to remove the front sheet metal piece, even that will cause cursing, but then you also have access from underneath. The fan bolts should be an 8 mm double hex. Also, you will want to make sure you have a correct 2.0-liter fan, not a 1.8. The marks are different, you need a 27-degree advance mark

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on the fan it was originally painted red. Do NOT remove the black pulley from the aluminum fan, there is enough slop in the bolt holes to cause runout and imbalance.

Oil on Spark Plug Threads – 2014 Cayman S

Question: changing my spark plugs last week as part of my 80K service, I observed oil on the threads of the cylinder #1 spark plug. The tip and electrodes were dry and of normal color, as were all other plugs and their threads. I took it to a local dealer who pulled the plug and said there was no cause for concern. My concern remains that I have 20K miles left on my warranty and that sometime shortly thereafter, a bigger oil leak issue will present itself that could've been avoided with a different diagnosis at this time. So, thoughts? Should I be concerned? Seek out a second opinion?

Answer: Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. Because flat engines are more prone to a little oil incursion, this is normal. Every now and then a drop of oil will make it past the piston oil ring and make its way into the cylinder. That's why you see it on the threads and that's why every so often our cars start up with a white cloud of smoke.

On other types of engines, such as inline or vee the oil remains away from the top of the piston when the engine is off since the pistons face up.

Happy Porsche'ing,

1986 951 8x16 Rear Fuchs Fit Rear of 1986 944NA – 1986 944

Question: I'm interested in obtaining a set of original '86 951 7x16 and 8x16 Fuchs for my '86 944NA. The 951 Fuchs front and rear offset (23.3mm) seems to be equal to that of my 7x15 phone dials. Sounds good; however, I notice in the attached list of 944-wheel sizes from Rennlist that the wider, rear, 8x15 Fuchs optional wheel for an '86 944NA had a 10.6mm offset. This raises my concern that an '86 951 rear hub is not located the same as for the same year 944NA. Can anyone with experience using '86 951 7x16 and 8x16 Fuchs on the same year 944NA provide some advice/guidance?

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselin. Those 86 951 Fuchs will fit perfectly on your 86 944. Not only that, they will look great!

Around the Zone

By Lori Schutz, Zone 4 Representative



Greetings Zone 4,
Zone 4 Rep News
- You will be glad
to know that I
passed the PCA
University 101
training at the
Winter Board
Meeting held in
Baltimore MD in

early February. This is a ½ day session for new zone reps and other PCA national officials. The rest of the day was spent with the other 13 zone reps planning our strategy for the year. This continued through the following day, and then after lunch was the actual Winter Board Meeting with the Executive Council (EC) and chair reports. Here's a few of the Zone Reps with me getting ready to head out for a trip to headquarters.



Wow, we have a lot going on. I didn't realize that PCA National now manages several events! In addition to Parade, there are 2 Werks Reunions, 2 Tech Tactics, 2 Treffens, and gee what else – oh yea – the Mid Ohio IMSA PorschePlatz and Detroit Grand Prix Porsche Car Corral in our Zone.

A new wing of the PCA Headquarters office was dedicated on Saturday night – our Executive Council – Caren, Tom, Cindy, Aaron and Executive Director Vu 'cut the ribbon' to open to the public.



National Awards are really an important way to define your region. Please be sure to submit your entries for the Web site contest and Newsletter Contest coming up. The awards will be presented during the Porsche Parade at Lake of the Ozarks this summer.

WMR Winterfest – I had the pleasure of attending the Western Michigan Region Winterfest banquet in February. Among other fun activities and presentations, they had a live auction for Porsche specialty items such as books and clothing and raised over \$3,000 for their charity. Way to go!

2018 Porsche Parade - <http://2018parade.pca.org/> - Are you registered? Nearly 100 of our members have already registered - a great showing for Zone 4. Key dates to keep in mind:

1. April 2nd – Phase 2 when

you get to register for the actual events at Parade such as banquets, tours and other activities. In preparation, please study the Phase 2 tutorial when it is published to prepare for the registration process.

2. July 9th – Zone 4 Party at Parade – 5:00 – 6:30 pm – location to be announced. We already have sponsorship for T-shirts, Commemorative Glassware, and door prizes – so please plan to attend if you are going to Parade.

And, to add to my fun, I have accepted a chair position for the 2018 Porsche Parade - I am also the Parade Historic Car Display Chair. My request to you – if you know of someone with an historically significant Porsche, specifically from the Schutz Era - 1981 – 1987, please send them my contact information, nor have them contact me. We want to build the best display ever!

Topic for next month's article - the report from the Amelia Island Concours! Two of my favorite people - Derek Bell -Porsche Race Driver, and Ray Shaffer from the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta - among others will also be attending!



I look forward to seeing all of you soon at a Region event. I may surprise you!

Lori

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Brain Teaser Challenge

Curated by Sarah Mierzwiak

The der Rückspiegel knows the high intellect of all its readers, so this year we decided to include a bit of additional car-related fun, sharing with you some brain teasers that we ask you to solve. Each month throughout 2018, one will be published in the newsletter and on our MVR website. Have a go at solving each brainteaser, submitting your answers to: MVRTeaser@gmail.com. A winner(s) will be announced at the annual Christmas party, of course accompanied by a gift fitting your brilliance!



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. Good luck!

John Jennens is not only a premier actor on the Toledo stage and screen, he also happens to be an outstanding mechanic and small business owner. We know John is always busy working on MVR PCA members' sports cars, getting the vehicles ready for the challenging track days throughout the spring, summer, and fall. On this particularly day, John is tuning up Jeff

Fort's 914: changing the oil, filters, and spark plugs. So that John doesn't end up causing a disastrous accident where he is catapulted to the end of the airport runway adjoining his business what does John make sure he DOESN'T do when changing the spark plugs and cleaning the dirt out of and away from the spark plug holes?

Congrats Bill, Dan, Dave, Lee, Jay, Matt, Tom and William! Of course, you all guessed the correct answer for last month's challenge: From the 30-gallon oil drum, fill the 7-quart container, then empty it into the 13-quart container. Fill the 7-quart container again, pour that into the 13 until it is filled. That will leave exactly one quart in the 7-quart container. Pour the one quart into the car. Repeat this process to get the second quart.

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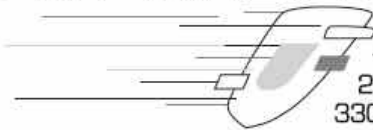
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Rick Lederman. Cell 419-699-2242

Maumee Valley Region

Social Event April 21, 2018

2:00 pm. Party at Teri & Jeff Vollmar's House

11695 Ridge Dr.

Shelby Township, MI. 48315

There is nothing to bring as Teri & Jeff will handle the food and beverage!

Kart 2 Kart indoor track is in Sterling Heights which is on the way in case anyone wants to stop there. It is not part of our MVR event.

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PCA - Maumee Valley Region

Social Event April 17, 2018

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.



Star Diner

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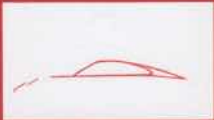
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