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Photo by Tom Isley

Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

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- 16 Holiday Party

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From the Driver's Seat

By Michael Soriano



Lisa and I have just returned from Southern California where we attended PCA's Escape to LA. For those not familiar with Escape, it is a shorter, much more relaxed version of PARADE, consisting of numerous tours and a few parties over the course of 3 or 4 days. It is held in October or November on the opposite side of the country from the PARADE site, and is organized by a few regions in the area.

Escape to LA began on Thursday, October 24, but participants were able to check-in the previous evening, and spend Thursday touring the area. The Welcome Party consisted of several events, including a Car Show, Buffet Dinner, and a movie. The evening commenced with the assembled cars being shown and judged by PCA officials as well as honored guest Urban Outlaw, Magnus Walker. Once the sun set and dinner was concluded, everyone returned to their cars and turned on their radios to watch Bullitt starring Steve McQueen in the fully operational Drive-In that Escape organizers created in a huge parking lot next to the Sheraton Fairplex.

Friday morning we left the hotel at 7 a.m., as instructed, to insure we would arrive on time for our 9 a.m. tour; however, we were only travelling 28 miles from Pomona to Pasadena. Around 30 PCA members were given an exclusive private tour of

the Wrigley Mansion otherwise known as The Tournament of Roses House. Yes, this house along with its extended addition is the headquarters for all things related to the Rose Bowl Parade and the Game. It was especially an honor that we were able to visit on this day, because the night before, the Rose Queen had been crowned, and after that ceremony, they no longer offer tours as it is the Tournament of Roses operational Headquarters. Our tour was organized by Cathy Robson, a 2nd generation PCA member and 7-year official volunteer with the Parade known as a "White Suitor". Cathy was assisted by another PCA member, Mark Henzel, a 28 year "White Suitor", whose grandmother was the personal hairdresser for Mrs. Wrigley. The main floor of the house is pretty much as it was when the Wrigleys lived there, while nearly every room in the upstairs holds memorabilia related to different aspects of the New Year's Day festivities. One room is dedicated to the Grand Marshals, another to the Presidents of the Tournament of Roses organization, another to the Rose Queens, and the largest one, the Football room, contains trophies, helmets, diagrams, and newspapers for every Rose Bowl Game; this year marks the 100th anniversary of the game, and the 125th of the Parade. From the Tournament of Roses House, we drove in caravan a few blocks to the Rosemont Float Barn, where we took an exclusive tour of one of Phoenix Decorating Co.'s two facilities, and were able to see 16 of this year's floats. We

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learned that there are several major float building companies, and that they start creating float designs as soon as the Parade theme is announced in late January. As we were finishing our tour, we were told that several of their floats were being “tested” early Sat. morning, and since Mark is close friends with the owner, we were invited to watch; the only catch being that we had to be there by 7:30 a.m. Many of us realized we had to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity, so we made arrangements to meet early Saturday morning. While the others explored the restaurants and shops in Old Pasadena, Lisa and I drove across the street to the Rose Bowl. After spending some time outside of the stadium, we returned to Pomona because we wanted to make sure we didn’t miss our next event, Pete Stout interviewing Ruth Levy, one of the top US women’s sports car racers from the 1950’s and 60’s. The interview with Ruth was extremely entertaining, and will be featured in an upcoming issue of Panorama.

Saturday afternoon we spent the day driving cars Porsche sent from PCNA headquarters including a new Boxster, new Cayman, C4 Cab, Cayenne Diesel, and Panamera Turbo. Saturday evening was the “Gala Banquet”, and the official end of Escape. As always, we saw many old friends, made several new ones, and were even invited to come back and watch “the Parade” and hang out in Pasadena for New Year’s Day.

Sunday we visited the NHRA (National Hot Rod Assoc.) museum right next to Escape Headquarters where the cocktail reception was scheduled to be held the previous evening. We then went to AAA Raceway to watch the DE and time trials.

During the DE lunch break, the organizers opened the track to participants and non-participants alike to run at “safe” speeds; we ran a full 20-30 minute session in our rented Nissan Pathfinder following PCA Executive Director Vu Nguyen driving his mother in her Honda. We’re already looking forward to next year’s Escape to be held in Orlando.

October’s Social event was a party at the Schoen’s on Saturday, October 19. We had a great turnout, and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks to Jim and Diane for hosting another fantastic event. November 10 is the final Cars and Coffee of the year, and our Holiday Party at the Hollywood Casino is November 16. The December event, Dinner in Findlay, will be held Sunday, December 15 at Steve’s Dakota Grill.

Looking ahead to next year, new members Karen and Jerry Hergenreder graciously offered to host the Annual Planning Meeting. It is scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2014.

The terms for several of our officers and chairpersons are ending, and we are looking for members to fill these soon-to-be vacant positions. If you are interested in helping to improve our club, please consider volunteering for one of the available positions or committees. Contact Jeff Vollmar: jtvollmar@att.net or me: MichaelSoriano@juno.com.

Please continue to check the website <http://mm.pca.org>, Der RUCKSPIEGEL, and your inbox for the most up-to-date information on events available to you.

Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season!

Thanks,
Michael

Porsche by Design

By Deb and Tom Isley



We had been aware for several months of the special exhibition, Porsche by Design: Seducing Speed, which was being planned by the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, North Carolina. Automotive journalist and museum consultant Ken Gross, former director of the Petersen Automotive Museum, and Barbara Wiedemann of the NCMA, curated the exhibition. The exhibition consisted of 22 special or unique Porsches including cars owned by Ralph Lauren, Steve McQueen, and Janis Joplin, as well as the one-of-a-kind Panamericana concept car on loan from the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart,

Germany.

The plan was to be in Raleigh for the opening and spend some time visiting the museum. When we arrived at the Museum on a rainy Saturday morning, we were directed to a special parking area for Porsches. There we found around 60 Porsches including the Ingram's Speedster, a Carrera GT, and two of Magnus Walker's 911s. While we were wandering around the parking area looking at the many Porsches, we met Camille Patterson, the museum membership coordinator. Camille took us around and introduced us to Chad McQueen, Magnus Walker and Jeanie Ingram.

As soon as the museum opened we went inside to view the cars that had been selected for the exhibition. The first car we saw was the 1938 Type 64 Berlin-Rom Racer. What a unique and wonderful way to start the tour. While working our way through the exhibit, we found Chad McQueen standing by his father's Speedster. After taking advantage of the photo-op we continued to wander through the exhibit before deciding that we should get some lunch. After lunch we spent the rest of the afternoon checking out some of the other art that the NCMA had to offer.

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1938 Type 64 Berlin-Rom Racer

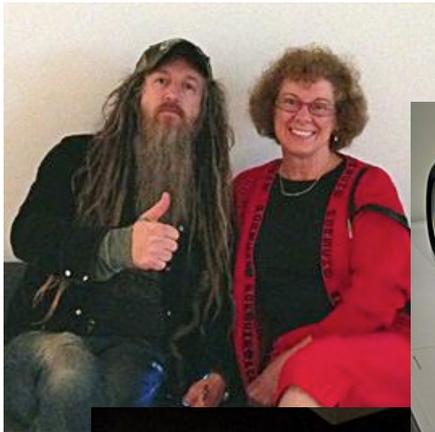
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That evening we returned to the museum to attend the members reception for the opening of the exhibit. We met several NCMA members who were not Porsche owners but had come out to view the cars. They were just as excited about the exhibit as the Porsche owners we had met earlier in the day.

On Sunday morning we joined several Hurricane Region members for coffee at a local coffee shop. Jeff Zwart was at the coffee and had some interesting stories to relate about his Pikes Peak runs and the many action commercials that he has produced. We then returned to the museum to hear Jeff talk about the Porsche commercials that he has been involved in over the years. He ended with a video of his most recent run up Pikes Peak.

For additional information on the exhibit visit the museum website at <http://ncart-museum.org/exhibition/porsche-by-design-seducing-speed>. There are links to pictures of the cars and videos about Porsche that the museum produced.

Porsche by Design is accompanied by a richly-illustrated exhibition catalogue, featuring essays by Derek Bell, Miles C. Collier, Robert Cumberland, Ken Gross, Cameron Healy, Cam Ingram, Randy Leffingwell, Karl Ludvigsen, Pete Lyons, Michael Mauer, Denise McCluggage, Dan Neil, and Jeff Zwart. The exhibition catalog can be ordered from the museum at their web site.



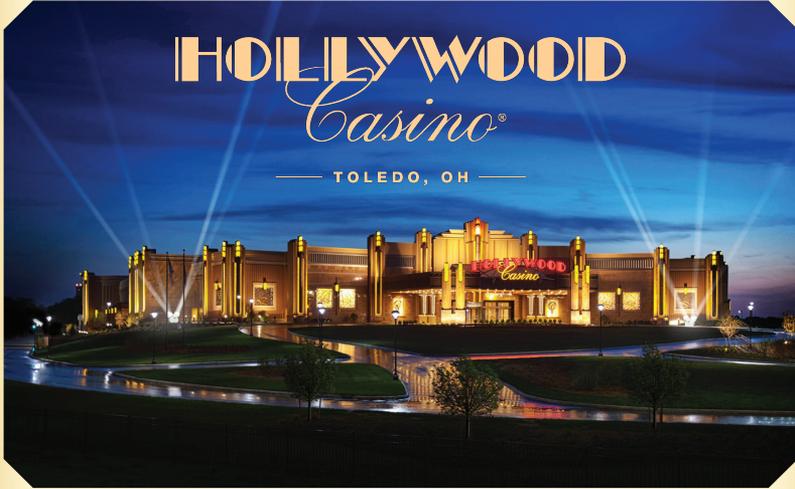
Left: Deb Isley with Urban Outlaw Magnus Walker



Above: 1962 Type 804
Formula One Race Car



Left: 1949 Type 356
Gmünd Coupe



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store in Farmington, and local Mercedes, Lexus, and Toyota dealerships for more than a dozen years. “I have a passion for German cars, I love them,” she says. “The fit and finish, the engineering surrounding them, and their pride in their cars.” She was also the manager of a jewelry store, where she gained experience dealing with luxury customers. “I love working with our customers,” the long-time Ann Arbor resident adds. Trisha counts golf as well as her recent indoctrination into the Daughters of the American Revolution organization as her other passions.

Trisha Smith can see almost all of the large Germain complex of buildings that house Porsche, Audi, and Volkswagen dealerships on a well-known State Street location that has been here for 47 years. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in marketing, as well as no debt, and has been with Germain for almost one year. She has extensive experience with automotive retail, with an Audi



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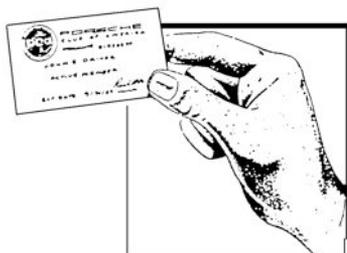
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November 2013 - Club
Member Anniversaries

John and Janice Burchfield	45 Years
George Reiser	16 Years
David and Caroline Bartoo	13 Years
Greg Germain	6 Years
Charles Roan	6 Years
Tom and Debi DeHaven	4 Years
Chris and Mary Heidenreich	3 Years
Emmanuella and Kemi Azeez	1 Year
Julian Francis	1 Year
David Gardner	1 Year
Tony and Kelly Howell	1 Year

Maumee Valley Region Membership:

Primary members	147
Affiliate members	114
Total members	261



New Members

Roger Heider and Christine Reichgott
of Toledo
Driving a White 1997 911
Lee Johnson of Sylvania
Driving a Red 2013 911 4S

Transferring-In Members:

Bob Cryan and Charlotte Chapman of
Toledo
Driving a 2003 Black Boxster

MAUMEE VALLEY REGION

DECEMBER SOCIAL EVENT

Sunday, December 15, 2013
5 p.m.

Dinner in Findlay

Steve's Dakota Grill
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RSVP:

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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

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2014

JANUARY

TBD

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Planning Meeting**

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

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

If you are not currently receiving Social Event e-mail updates, please contact Lisa at mrs.lisatoriano@juno.com



Porsche 911: 50 Years
Randy Leffingwell
Motorbooks

Do you need another book about Porsche in your library? Maybe you just want another book about Porsche. Maybe you are looking for a Christmas gift for a Porsche lover in your house. If any of this applies to you, *Porsche 911: 50 Years* is a book you should seriously consider.

Author Randy Leffingwell has provided a historical review of the development of the first 901 to the latest 991. His description of the development of the original 901 was very fascinating. He then chronicles the various changes that have been made over the years and the reasons for those changes. He also looks into the racing success that the factory had with the 911. He includes comments from many of the principles involved in the design and development of the 911 and they include information on some of challenges faced by the design teams.

“What you read here may contradict what you know about Porsche 911 history. Some of this information simply was not available before now.” Randy Leffingwell.

Technical Talk

By John Jennens, owner of The Car Port LLC

Four of the most important parts of your Porsche are possibly the most easily neglected. When was the last time you checked the air pressure in your tires? Now that the newer cars have Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS), we don't have to go to all the trouble of bending over and using a tire gauge, right? Wrong! The TPMS can let the pressure vary by as much as 25 % before alerting you to it. Let's say your tires should be inflated to 36 psi. 25% below that would mean you could be driving around with just 27psi in your tires BEFORE the little light on your dash says, "Hey! Check the tire pressure!" Now I know we all have a lot of very important things on our minds as we blast off on some crucial errand, but just think how much better it would be to discover a low tire while the car's still in the driveway rather than in the parking lot of the carry-out.

This time of year ambient temperatures can vary greatly. For every 10 degrees of temperature change, your tire pressures will vary by 1 psi. That may not seem like very much until you consider that the difference between August's 90 degree temps and November's 20 degree morning temps equals a 7 psi drop.

The best time to check your tire pressures is when they're COLD. There are several places where the manufacturer has thoughtfully placed (hidden) a sticker with the correct tire pressures: on the driver's door jamb, under the front hood in newer 911s and some Boxsters, the fuel filler door on 944s and 928s, the frame of the engine compartment on older 911s, or the glove compartment lid. If you can't find the sticker any of those places, as a

last resort check the owner's manual...you know, that thing you keep meaning to look at so you can figure out how to set the clock back from daylight savings time.

One reason for keeping an eye on tire pressures is obviously safety, but it can also affect traction, handling and durability. Not to mention safety. Again.

Turning our attention to tire condition, a big concern is longevity. A daily driver will often use up its tires before there's any concern about the age of its tires. As great as many new tires are though, they will still age regardless of miles. Your tires may look just fine – nice deep tread, no obvious worn spots, still round and holding air, but if they're more than 5 years old, it's time to start seriously thinking about replacing them. In the last decade or so, the manufacturers of nearly all automobile and truck tires have embossed a date code right on the side wall.



If you don't see it on the side of the tire facing out, check the inside sidewall. The date code consists of 4 numbers: the first two indicate the week of manufacture, the second two the year. As an example, a date code of 2506 would mean that the tire

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was manufactured the 25th week of 2006, which would put it around the end of June, 2006. It's good to bear in mind that the tire may sit on a shelf before it is actually mounted and put into service, but at least it's some indicator of the age of the tire. So since we're closing in on 2014, a "2506" tire would certainly be rolling on borrowed time and should be replaced, according to the tire manufacturers. In case you're wondering, not one tire manufacturer offered to compensate me in any way for giving them this plug.

John is the owner of The Car Port LLC.

Question/comments/ or suggestions for future topics should be addressed to him at ybslo@bex.net.

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In the Zone

By Ron Carr

Zone 4 Representative

As the fall colors fade and our cars get put away (or get snow tires), now our attention turns to “Friends and Food” to start the holiday season, at least according to the events listed for this month’s newsletters and websites. **Just as important** are the elections and selections of your Regions officers for the coming year. **Please consider volunteering** to help your Club function- you will get back much more than you put in!! It’s a great organization, and they need your help. Check out the following events, and check your local region’s website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned for your enjoyment, such as:

- Participate in a local **Cars & Coffee** event!!! They occur on a regular basis throughout the country on weekend mornings. No reservations or commitment required- just clean up the car and drive it over. The following region is planning to participate:

- **Maumee Valley Region**- Nov. 10th at 9:30 AM, Tim Horton’s on Central Avenue, Sylvania, OH. (Last event of the season).

- **Central Indiana Region** will host their **Annual Banquet Gala** on November 9th from 5 to 10 PM at the Meridian Hills Country Club in Indianapolis, IN. See their website for more details and <http://www.clubregistration.net/> for registration information.

- The **Northern Ohio Region** will host their **Annual Meeting, Elections and Social** at Stoddard NLA-LLC in Highland Heights, OH on November 9th. Pot Luck dinner and bring a donation to the Charity

Corner local food banks. RSVP to Jim or Diane Forcina @ 216-901-1278 or email jjim@forcina.com or dkforcina@yahoo.com. See the region website or newsletter for details.

- Join the **Rally Sport Region** for their annual **Polar Bear Run** on Saturday, November 10th. Meet at 10:30 AM in the McDonald’s parking lot at 373 N Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 for a bit of socializing before shoving off at 11:00 AM. The beautiful back roads drive will take about one hour before stopping at the Common Grill in Chelsea for lunch. Please RSVP to Sebastian Gaeta at spg356@sbcglobal.net.

- The **Southeast Michigan Region** will hold their annual **General Membership Dinner** on Friday, November 15, 2013 at Pasquale’s Restaurant Lower Level Banquet Room, 31555 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, MI. Contact either Michael Cohen 248.227.8604 Fastkarz2@aol.com or Dave Miller 248.613.5192 dmiller@signatureassociates.com.

- Also on November 15th, the **Western Michigan Region** will gather for a **Dinner Drive** at Salt & Pepper Savory Pub and Grill in Holland, MI. (Just 1/2 mile east of US-31). RSVP by Tuesday November 12th to Amdoor242@aol.com or call 616 340-0971 (Amber Door) or 616-340-2912 (Jerry Arens).

- Members of the **Maumee Valley Region** will gather at the Hollywood Casino in Toledo OH for their **Annual Holiday Party** on Saturday evening November 16th at 6:30 PM. Additional information is

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in the region newsletter or at their website.

• And last but not least- **Save the Date**- The annual Zone 4 trek to the **North American International Auto Show** at Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI is currently planned to be Public Opening Day January 18th, 2014. We will again have a special Preview at the Porsche Booth from

7-9 AM with breakfast and a special presentation. Watch for more details and registration information in December.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at zone4rep@embarq-mail.com . Hope to see you at an event soon!



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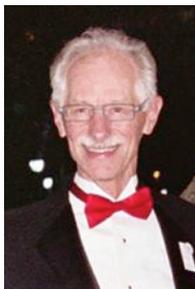
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We made it down to the North Carolina Museum of Art and spent an entire weekend at the opening events and viewing the exhibit of Porsches. The full report is on page 7.



The Holiday party is almost sold out. There are only a few slots available.

The next event will be the dinner in Findlay at Steve's Dakotoa Grille Sunday December 15.

With this year coming to an end, it is time to think about next season's club events. If you have any ideas for events or would like to host an event, be sure to let Lisa or Jeanne know. At the planning party, we try to finalize the schedule for the upcoming year.

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

....the editor



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15 Dinner in Findlay