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Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

NOVEMBER

- 9 #Cars and Coffee
- 15 Monte Carlo Night at Mierzwiak's

DECEMBER

- 5 Holiday Party

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The Open Road



The club's social committee held the a planning meeting to map out next years social events. A lot of good ideas were put forward for the 2015 season. The Calendar on page 15 includes the great

ideas that have been placed on the schedule for 2015. Looks like it will be another great year.

The regions visit to the Toledo Museum of Art was a success based on the feedback that I received from many of you. I know that Suzanne and I had a lot of fun doing the tour for the region. A return visit has already been planned for next year. See page 8 for a review by Chris Krauser of this years event.

A small group of our members made a trip to Germany and had to miss the museum tour. Based on the story on page 10 they must have had a good time. Thanks to Barney and Beth Stewart for the report on their trip.

The next event for our region is the

fund raising Monte Carlo night hosted by the Mierzwiak's on the 15th. This to be followed by the annual holiday party on December 5th. Be sure to get your reservation in for the holiday party soon. Seating is limited.



Our cars have been put up for the winter. Bummer. There may not be any driving the fun cars for the next couple of months, but we will still be enjoying the company of all of you car lovers at the many upcoming social events the club has on tap.

It appears that last month I ran the September anniversaries a second time instead of the anniversaries for October. I have corrected it for this month and you will see both the October and November anniversaries in the Membership news.

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

.....the editor

From The Podium

By Diane Schoen



As many of you know, Jim and I spent the last two weeks in Maui, Hawaii. It was our tenth wedding anniversary so we stayed at the exact location where we had been married.

You wouldn't think that such a small island (727 square miles) could change so much in 10 years. The hotel where we previously stayed had changed names and more building sites were developed on what had once been the most beautiful and lush gardens I had ever seen. What a shame.

As I try to return to "real life" in Perrysburg, Ohio, I am confronted with another change. What is this chill in the air I have returned to? What happened to sunny and 88 degree weather? I'm sure many of you have gotten your toys tucked away for a long winter's nap....Fall is really here and winter not far off! Welcome to November Maumee Valley Region!

But with November comes my most favorite time of the year. It is both wonderful and magical at the same time as we watch the leaves turn their many brilliant shades of red, yellow and orange; experience the indescribable smell when someone is burning leaves and you first get a whiff of it wafting across the farm fields of dried out cornstalks; and, of course, when we go to Football games followed by those lazy Sunday afternoons. But, another wonderful thing about November is that

we get to celebrate Thanksgiving. The end of the year gives us opportunity to reflect on the blessings we've received and to share them with family and friends. It is a time when we need to slow down, turn off work and reflect on how fortunate we all are.

I had the opportunity to spend my time in Hawaii with some amazing friends that I actually met from being a member of this club, the Zenil's. Also with us were three other couples, one of which was the Hergenreder's, another great couple that I have known for about 12 years. I've traveled with both of these couples before, together and separate. I've spent time at several Parades with many other club members. And before we left for Maui we spent an amazing evening at the Valentine's with so many other couples that have become a part of our life - all because of this club. The Porsche motto "It's not just the Cars, it's the People," is so true. The friendships developed from this club are the real benefit of being a member. As with just about any club, it is what you make it. Many of you faithfully attend every event as I try to do. Others are more casual participants. Whatever your level of attendance, we welcome it. We have had some awesome events this year and still have plenty to come.

December brings our annual Holiday Party and I do hope I get to spend that evening with each and everyone of you, reflecting again on what an amazing group The Maumee Valley Region is. I've made many treasured friends over

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the last several years and I am humbled that I get to write this column to each of you every month.

In closing let me say many thanks in this month of Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of you who do so much to keep this region going. Thank you for your participation. Thank you for hosting an event. Thank you for organizing an event. Thank you for attending our events. Thanks to the advertisers for your support. Thank you for your time. Thank you for being a part of MVR. I hope I continue to see you and many new faces at our events in the coming months. MVR is truly a great club! Thanks to all of you who make it what it is!

See you soon!!
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An Afternoon at the Art Museum

By Chris Krauser

Photos by Jeanne Krauser and Tom Isley



Approximately 35 MVR members recently enjoyed a docent led tour of the Toledo Museum of Art. The Toledo Museum is recognized both nationally and worldwide as a leader in the field of art preservation based on not only quantity but more importantly by the quality of art in the museum's collection. No less esteemed is the museum's docent program which began in the 1940's and today is a model other museums frequently copy. To become a docent at the Toledo Museum requires 18 months of formal training plus about a six-month internship before being allowed to act independently. Continuous education and peer review insure no reduction in the quality of performance throughout the docent's tenure.

MVR is fortunate to have two members who are docents at the Toledo Museum, Suzanne Jennens and Tom Isley who both were available and willing to share their knowledge with those of us in attendance. Tom and Suzanne each led half of us on about a 45-minute tour at which time they switched and we

enjoyed another 45 minutes of what the museum refers to as Visual Literacy. It becomes quickly clear why viewing art with a docent is so much more interesting and fun than being on your own. Docents allow visitors to hear not only about the art itself but also information about the artist, their interests, and possible thoughts behind the creation of the art, where the art was created, materials used, and human-interest stories behind the subject matter.

Specifically, at one stop of the tour, we viewed the stunning "The Crowning of St Catherine" by Peter Paul Rubens, a Monuments Men find, and learned of the painting's history, the identity of the figures in the painting, what each figure represents and how this art work might have been utilized by the original owners and how the Museum's director after the war, himself a Monuments Man was able to procure this painting. What a story!

We also were treated to viewing and

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learning about Frederic Remington, an American artist who left us with a number of visual images of the transition of the midwestern plains territory in the late 19th Century. Remington who spent years studying the effects of “civilization” moving westward, created paintings and sculptures, two of which are on display at the Toledo Museum. The two works, “Bronco Buster” and “Indians Simulating Buffalo” are amazing examples of his insight into the culture of that era.



All together each group viewed in detail about seven or eight works of art including a Van Gough painting, and Bishamonten, a 13th Century Japanese temple sculpture, amongst other great art pieces, walking away with a completely new perspective on art history and what goes on, behind the scene so to speak, during the creation of each of these masterpieces. Thanks to Suzanne and Tom, who are a credit to MVR and the Toledo Museum, our afternoon at the Art Museum may not have included art coming to life but in some respects they did thanks to the skill and knowledge of the MVR Docents.



MVR Members Tour Europe

By Barney Stewart

Photos by Barney Stewart

I guess I've known for quite some time that a trip over the pond was in my future. Mrs. Stewart had been in my ear with increased frequency of late, and a guy can just sense when his excuses are running low. It's not that I questioned how wonderful a European vacation would be, but rather the fact that I really like it here in the colonies. My fate was sealed when Beth and Kim Harris visited the travel planners at AAA and came home with about 5 lbs of brochures. Bob and I were toast. I must admit however, the girls booked a very nice taste of Europe with stops in London, Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne, and Paris. Now being the excellent negotiators that Bob and I are, we were able to add a couple of days in Stuttgart, at the vacations end.

One bit of advice we heard from several seasoned travelers was to stay up all day upon arriving in Europe. We did, 32 hours straight. Good advice, we were acclimated to the time change within a day or two. Our tour through the cities mentioned above was awesome, however I'm going to skip to our time in Stuttgart, and save a few observations and experiences for later.

We arrived in Stuttgart on a Sunday afternoon by train. Our hotel, The Steigenberger Graf Zeppelin, was located directly across from the train station. The Graf Zeppelin is ideally located adjacent to the Stuttgart underground rail system. Upon checking in we learned it was the last day of Oktoberfest, so we seized the opportunity, and made way



for the underground. A short train ride and we were in the midst of the largest party I've ever seen. Folks, those Germans know how to party. Imagine, 8 huge pavilions each the size of a soccer field, packed with table dancing, beer drinking partiers, singing (loose term) to mega decibel bands. For those who chose not to dance and sing there was a first class amusement park featuring neon overload and countless concessions. What a way to spend a Sunday night!

Monday we day tripped to Rothenberg, a medieval time capsule German town, located about 1 1/2 hours north west of Stuttgart. Thanks to Kim's pre-departure research, we didn't miss this storied walled fortress town, that dates back to 950. Numerous movies have used Rothenberg as a backdrop, including the Harry Potter series.

Tuesday was earmarked for automotive adventures. First up was our 10:00 am

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Porsche factory tour. Porsche requires a prior reservation for admittance and limits tour group sizes to about 20 individuals.

The Porsche factory was featured on a recent History Channel documentary and it's easy to see why. Numerous unmanned robotic vehicles deliver parts to various assembly stations, in the nearly hospital clean environment. The tour follows the assembly line as it descends from its 3rd floor starting point, snaking its way to the ground floor. At each work station workers are allotted just over 3 minutes to complete their individual task, before the line moves on. All 911, Boxster and Cayman models are assembled on the same assembly line. Black is presently the color of choice, with over 50% of customer orders, requesting this exterior color. Cars marked for overseas delivery are speed governed to 35 mph max (removed by the destination dealer). Seems dock workers had inflicted significant damage in the past, so Porsche clipped their wings.

Next up was the Porsche Museum located adjacent to the factory. Porsche's Museum is strictly a car museum, they stick to the history of vehicle development and racing heritage. Numerous concept cars are featured, many never making it to production. Several like new vintage models representing the different eras of Porsche's history are interspersed throughout the museum. Perhaps the greatest attention however, is focused on the collection of retired racing legions. Starting with the early 356 racers to the 918 Spyder, the engineering and innovation progression is impressive.

Ok, so I've never owned a Mercedes, heck I've only ridden in a couple, but have heard very good things about their museum. So it's off to Mercedes. The first thing you notice is that Mercedes displays dozens of world history events along with their cars. The vehicle displays are much the same as in the Porsche museum. They do have a couple of racing trucks from the European circuit absent from Porsche's display, however I couldn't find a tractor anywhere. I found myself drawn to the history displays recalling; world wars, pop icons like Elvis and the Beatles, man walking on the moon and the dismantling of the Berlin wall. Mercedes is quite candid in their descriptions and accounts of world events. If you happen to have a European vacation on your bucket list I highly recommend a stop in Stuttgart to visit these excellent automotive venues.



A few observations from our tour of Europe. Early on I noticed the absence of billboards and commercial advertising along the European roadways, allowing for a pristine countryside. Road surfaces are quite smooth and for the most part free of potholes. Gas is presently 1.75 / euro and that equates to approx \$8.50 usd/gal, a big reason cars are much smaller there. We noted many car models not available in the States. German

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traffic lights sequence from red to red & yellow for just a second before turning green, a nice feature if you are driving a manual transmission car and resting your left leg at a stoplight. Driving the Autobahn is a pleasure. The traffic flow is quite smooth due to the fact German driver's move to the right except to pass. Trucks keep to the far right with few exceptions. Keep a few coins with you at all times as pay toilets are common in Europe. GPS is a must if you plan to rent a car, they have a different word for everything.

A tip of the cap to Ron and Sharon Gargas for sharing their European travel experiences and extensive literature

And lastly, should Beth happen to press for a return trip, a European delivery just might be an excellent way to save a few rental car Euros.



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October 2014 - Club Member Anniversaries

Bill Bauman	43 Years
Barney and Beth Stewart	27 Years
Ron and Sharon Gargasz	18 Years
Bruce and Diane Butcher	16 Years
James Schenk	14 Years
Steve George	13 Years
Gale and Darlene Heller	8 Years
Matt Almasri	4 Years
James and Linda Jenkins	2 Years
Scott Rorick	1 Year



New Members

Terry Richardson of Bowling Green
Driving a 1988, 928 S4

Mike Adams of Onsted MI
Driving a Silver 2001 Carrera Cabriolet

Richard and Kara Fine of Sylvania
Driving a Silver 2001 Boxster

Robert Guenther of Lima
Driving a Black 2009 Boxster

November 2014 - Club Member Anniversaries

John and Janice Burchfield	46 Years
George Reiser	17 Years
David and Caroline Bartoo	14 Years
Charles Roan	7 Years
Tom and Debi DeHaven	5 Years
Chris and Mary Heidenreich	4 Years
Julian Francis	2 Years
David Gardner	2 Years
Tony and Kelly Howell	2 Years
Roger Heider and Christine Reichgott	1 year
Lee Johnson	1 Year

Maumee Valley Region Membership:

Primary Members	143
Affiliate Members	109
Total Members	252

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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

NOVEMBER

- 9 #Cars and Coffee
- 15 Monte Carlo Night at Mierzwiak's

DECEMBER

- 5 Holiday Party

2015

JANUARY

- 15 Dinner at Ciao's

FEBURARY

- 14 Valentines at the Valentine's

MARCH

- TBD Restaurant dinner

APRIL

- TBD Curling in BG
- 25 King of the Hill at the Stewarts

MAY

- 16 New Member at CCC
- 30 Clay Skeet Shooting & Dinner

JUNE

- 21-27 Parade in French Lick Indiana

JULY

- TBD Rally to the Macks

AUGUST

- TBD Mon Ami

SEPTEMBER

- TBD - Golf Scramble

OCTOBER

- TBD Planning Party
- TBD Fall Color Tour

NOVEMBER

- TBD Art Museum & Dinner

DECEMBER

- TBD Holiday Party

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 Beth Stewart at beths.mvrpca@bex.net.

Maumee Valley Region Baskets for Charity



This year Maumee Valley Region members are raising money for the club's chosen

charity, the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Themed baskets are being created by club members and/or items donated for the baskets. Some examples of the themes are car care, Porsche of Ann Arbor, Mud Hens, cigars & whiskey, Hollywood Casino, homemade holiday baked goods, and coffee, tea, & chocolates. We'd like to target the value of the baskets from \$25 to \$125. Arrangements will be made to get the baskets or items to one of us (see below) no later than the weekend of November 29th.

Plan on having some fun at the Holiday Party on December 5th by bidding during a silent auction on your favorite basket or buying raffle tickets to win a basket.

If you are interested in assembling a basket or donating items to one, please contact us for more details:

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MAUMEE VALLEY PCA

2014 Holiday Party

Friday, December 5th, 2014

Parkway Place

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♦ *Cocktail & Social hour 6:00 - 7:00*

♦ *Dinner and awards 7:00*

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Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Flushing Brakes With PSM

2002 911 Carrera 4S

Question: I purchased a Motive power flusher to flush my brakes. When reviewing the procedure in the Bentley manual they mentioned you need a Porsche scan tool if your car has a PSM. Mine is '02 c 4s and has a PSM. Is the Porsche scan tool required or is there a work around?

Answer: Submitted by Joel Reiser

You don't need the computer to do a routine brake/clutch bleed. Where you need the computer is if the system lines have been opened up, then you need the computer to open all channels of the ABS pump.

Broken headlight bracket

1998 Boxster

Question: How Do I Fix A Broken Headlight Bracket

Answer: Submitted by pcadmin

The headlight mounting brackets are not that difficult to replace if you have some basic mechanical experience. The replacement is the same for all the 996 and 986 cars 1997-2005. The first thing is to remove the headlight that you want to replace the mounting bracket. This may be even simpler if the light is not secured in it do to it being broken. The headlights are removed by using the tool that was included in the tool kit that came with the car. The tool itself looks like a round cylinder with a rotating handle attached to it. The owners manual has more information on it. To remove the light you would insert the tool from the inside of the front trunk . To do this partially pull back the trunk liner by the corresponding headlight and remove the rubber plug. Now insert the tool so that the handle faces to the rear of the car and now rotate it 180 degrees toward the front yet swing it so that the motion goes downward and then ends up to the front. The drivers side would end up going counter clockwise while the Passengers side goes clockwise. The headlight can now be pulled forward and fully removed. The next step would be the replacement of the bracket. The Rt side bracket has a part number of 996-631-042-00 and the Lt 996-631-042-00. The brackets are simply bolted down inside the fender and can be removed and replaced in the same fashion without issues. Once the new bracket has been installed its time to re-install the headlight. The tool now has to be rotated so that it points vertically down or basically 90 degrees back in the opposite direction you turned it to remove the light. Insert the light in the slots that are in the bracket and push it towards the rear of the car. You will also then rotate the tool another 90 degrees so that it ends up in the same position that you started out to remove the headlight. The last section of rotating the tool will incur a small pop as it lets you know the headlight is now locked in.

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Front Wheel Bearing

2005 Cayenne S,

Question: My left front wheel seems to gradually be getting louder. I swapped tires and no change. While tire was off I removed the brake pads and turned the rotor, but could not feel any wobble. The sound doesn't change when using the brakes, and there is no abnormal tire wear. Going straight or turning left the sound is loudest. When turning to the right the sound is less. Am I correct in thinking it is my wheel bearing, and if so is it a DIY project to change the bearing?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Ayd

While not a common failure wheel bearings are known to fail on these vehicles. The wheel bearings used on these vehicles are double-roller bearings so you will not notice any wobble when turning the rotor by hand. While driving the vehicle at speeds of 30-40 mph the noise should be noticeable and more often than not you can manipulate the noise by turning left or right. The general rule of thumb is the bad wheel bearing is the one opposite of the direction you are turning. This is because as you turn left, you load much of the vehicle weight onto the right side wheels. This test is a good place to start but the best method for checking a wheel bearing is to run the vehicle on a lift and listen to the wheel carriers with a stethoscope. You can also turn a long screwdriver into a makeshift stethoscope by placing the blade against the carrier and the handle against your ear. A failing wheel bearing will be noticeably louder than the others and should have a substantial "growl" to it. If you verify the bearing has failed, it will need to be pressed out of the wheel carrier. This is not generally a DIY project as you need to remove the wheel carrier from the vehicle to press out the bearing on a shop press or use a tool specifically made for pressing these bearings in and out on the vehicle. I would suggest having your local Porsche repair facility complete these repairs.

Home Headlight Setting

2009 911 Carrera 4S

Question: When headlight is set in the home position, headlights do not come on at dusk automatically so I have to turn to the low beam position on the dial. Is there an adjustment i can make to correct this? Thanks.

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Ayd

The "home" position on the headlights is for improved visibility and security when you get in and out of your car. This is done by turning on the daytime driving lights and tail lights for approximately 30 seconds once the door is opened when exiting the vehicle or when the vehicle is unlocked with the key remote. It is not an "auto" function as seen in other models. The 9X7 vehicles did not come with automatic headlights as an available option.

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Amidst the cool crisp air and surrounded by the majestic splendor of the beautiful autumn foliage, it will soon be time to put our cars into storage until sunshine

and warmer temperatures return next spring. However, that does not mean that there still aren't plenty of opportunities to get together with your fellow PCA members for friendship and camaraderie.

I was recently able to enjoy MORPCA's Race of Champions at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. It was a well-run and well-organized PCA Club Race that drew participants from all over the country. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Mid-Ohio Region officers, members and club racers who turned a portion of the awards banquet into a very thoughtful surprise birthday celebration. I truly appreciated having a banquet room full of PCA friends singing Happy Birthday to me while blowing out candles on a beautifully decorated track themed cake that read, "**Happy Birthday Mr. Zone Rep.**"

I also attended OVR's signature event, Rallye Porsche Mariemont, the largest community gathering of Porsches in Southwest Ohio, which included a car show and a day filled with Porsche fun. Several hundred people were on hand as downtown Mariemont was closed off to

accommodate the 150 Porsches on display in the picturesque village. A local café even hosted a beer garden complete with brats and featuring a band playing German music.

This is an important time of year. Remember to help shape and support your region by participating in your region's elections. In addition, you can strengthen your region by volunteering and taking part in the upcoming planning meetings. Maybe this will be the year that you lead a tour, organize an event, or host a party. And, of course, with the holidays approaching, many regions will celebrate with their PCA family and friends by holding festive annual holiday parties. Please remember to check your region's newsletters, websites, and e-mails as well as the Zone 4 website for the most up to date list of events available to you.

Please consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- On November 1, **Rally Sport Region** will hold its Polar Bear Run
- **Western Michigan Region's** Annual Planning Dinner is November 3
- November 8 is **Ohio Valley Region's** Annual Membership Meeting at Porsche of the Village
- **Mid-Ohio Region's** Board Meeting will be held on November 10
- November 11 is **Motor-Stadt Region's** Monthly Board Meeting
- The **Michiana Region** Membership Meeting is November 12
- **Allegheny Region's** Business Meeting will be held on November 13

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- The General Membership Dinner for **Southeast Michigan Region** members is November 14
- **Central Indiana Region's** Holiday Party is November 15
- November 15 is the **Maumee Valley Region's** Monte Carlo Night
- **Northern Ohio Region's** Annual Meeting is November 15 at Stoddard's

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at these upcoming events. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at MSoriano.-
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