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The Open Road



We joined about 20 other couples for the Fall color tour on what was one of the nicest days this fall. Barney and Beth Stewart had lined up

some great roads for us to drive. We missed the corn maze the day before but it sounds like that was a great time as well.

The next event will be a Cocktail Party at our house on the 12th of December. The details will be coming out by email. In January we will be going to the Spicy Tuna for a gathering. Details can be found on page 10.

The meeting at the Schoen's to plan the year was well attended and plans finalized for next year. There are a number of new events that were



suggested by those in attendance. Another fun year on the way for 2016. Thanks to all that have agreed to host or set up and event.

This year sees the club needing a number positions filled. We really need some of you to step up and take on the duties of these positions to keep our region viable. Without someone in these positions we will have difficulty providing the services (social events) you all can enjoy. If you, or someone you know, is willing to step-up, let one of the officers know. You will be greatly appreciated.

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

.....the editor

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From The Podium

By Diane Schoen



It is hard to believe that we've entered into the month of November. The year 2015 is quickly coming to an end, and with that my presidency for the Maumee

Valley Region as well. It has been a great five years that I have spent in some capacity serving the club, three years as vice-president and two as your president. I sit here thinking of the last several years and hope that I have served you all well and represented the Maumee Valley Region to the best of my abilities at all PCA and non-PCA events that I have attended. I would like to thank those of you who nominated me for president and all of those who have helped me make MVR a success, because I in no way could've done my job without all of your assistance. I look forward to hearing who the next

president will be and I will be here to offer any assistance that I can.

I'd like to thank all of you that made it out to my house for the planning party and I look forward to all of the upcoming events we have planned for 2016. I hope that all of you have a very joyful and safe holiday season. Look forward to seeing you at an event in 2016!

Again, thank you for all your support and encouragement in my efforts to obtain my Doctorate in Anesthesia!

Blink, Blink,

Diane

Our longtime Webmaster, Janet Sternfeld, would like to retire from the job and is looking for someone to take over the site. Knowledge of HTML and CSS is essential. Here's your chance to be creative and give MVR a new Web site design! (Or you can simply maintain the existing site as is.) Email Janet at genie10@aol.com

5 Dead Beetles on the Right

By Barney Stewart

Photos by Mike Valentine, Ron Gargaz, and Tom Isley



We were blessed with two very nice autumn days for this year's MVR Fall Color Weekend. Saturday was a bit on the gray side, but dry, followed by a bright & sunny Sunday.

Saturday featured a hike through the challenging corn maze at Wheeler Farms in Whitehouse Ohio. The turnout was somewhat modest for this nontraditional club event. For those that did attend (several first time mazers) a good time was had. The maze provided a good test for your sense of direction, with several miles of paths to choose from. Special thanks to Yvonne Burlingame and Laura Valentine for the very popular tasty treats, enjoyed by all.

The Sunday scenic drive proved to be quite popular with 20 pre registered cars and 5 additional late arrivals. The day started with lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Carrabba's provided a semi private room and opened their entire menu to us. A very nice lunch was had by all. Thanks to Diane and Jim Schoen for the lunch time tech quiz won by Chris Krauser.

Our scenic drive paralleled the Maumee River on some of Northwest Ohio's nicest roads. Driving West on the rivers South side we crossed it at Defiance and returned, heading East on the North side. Remnants of the historic Miami & Erie Canal were visible along the Defiance to Napoleon leg of our return.



We passed through or near several towns, including Florida & Texas. Our 100 mile drive concluded at the Historic Fort Megs parking lot, with a sweet treat for drivers and navigators alike.

Oh, those 5 dead beetles? Well, for those of you that missed the tour. As you enter Defiance from the East, at the

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junction of routes 281 & 18, you will see 5 colorful VW Beetles, stacked in true pop art style reminiscent of the 60's and 70's.

Barney Stewart.



The Dead Beetles



Barney made sure that every instruction was clear



Dick and Shirley Gobba, Sarah Mierzwiak, and Diane Schoen

The Last Turn – E production

FLATSIXES.com by Leonard Turner



The title of this piece probably won't mean much to most, but some years ago E-Prod was where the old Porsche Speedsters and Roadsters went out to play in SCCA, and they were a mighty force. The Sports Car Club of America used a runoff system for their amateur racers, like the preliminary competition in the Olympics, to sort out the best of the best in each of their classes. Those cars and drivers were invited to compete in what was known as the American Road Race of Champions, or the Runoffs. For more than a decade this was held at nearby Road Atlanta, making for relatively easy coverage of a lot of cars dear to the hearts of PCA members.

It seems a little surreal from the current vantage of garage-queen Speedsters-valued in the six figure range—to think of the time when they were cheap and competitive in motorsports (I will never forget that I turned down a '58—it didn't have a motor and was a bit ratty, and the price of \$600 seemed a bit much). But in 1985, track competition in these cars was wickedly intense, and each year there were new tweaks on the hot set-up. All of the competitive cars were stripped out and lightweight; they almost all ran with straight single-pipe exhaust—"stingers"—but the guys from California modified theirs to protect from one of their own who was alleged to intentionally bump a competitor from

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behind to collapse the exhaust and make him slower. There were even rumors of another car built with an elaborate system that increased the rear track on the car once it got rolling; that might not have been entirely within the spirit of the rules.

The day I caught this 1985 image I had coned my way into the pace car—as I recall, a Datsun 240Z—for the start of the E-Prod race. There was no harness or other restraint, and I placed myself on the shallow rear deck and looped my left arm over one of the taped-open struts that held up the rear glass. Being a pace lap, the ride was fast, bumpy, and exciting—correctly executed for the competitors but not for the

photographer. The light changed constantly as we went around the long Road Atlanta track, and there were questions about balancing exposure and what shutter speed I needed. Other than whether any of the images would even be usable, the only question in my mind was whether that skinny strut would hold, and failing that, whether I would bounce before being ingested by either the Alfa or the Porsche that were scant feet away from my perch. In subsequent years I shot a good bit of car-to-car, under much better controlled circumstances, but I never tried this again.

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November 2015 - Club Member Anniversaries

John and Janice Burchfield	47 Years
George Reiser	18 Years
Charles Roan	8 Years
Tom and Debi DeHaven	6 Years
Julian Francis	3 Years
David Gardner	3 Years
Tony and Kelly Howell	3 Years
Roger Heider and Christine Reichgott	2 Years
Lee and Sara Johnson	2 Years
Mike and Rita Adams	1 Year
Richard and Kara Fine	1 Year
Robert Guenther	1 Year



New Members

David Boomer of Toledo
Driving a Gray 1983 944

Robert Hamlin of North Baltimore
Driving a Black 2001 911 Carrera
Cabriolet

Stephen Williams of Toledo
Driving a Black 2014 Boxster

Maumee Valley Region Membership:

Primary Members	149
Affiliate Members	111
Total Members	260

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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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NOVEMBER

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| 7 | Planning Party - Schoen's | |
| 8 | #Cars and Coffee | New or revised events in BOLD |
| 13 | Holiday Party | # Non-PCA events. |

DECEMBER

- 12 Cocktail Party at the Isley's

JANUARY

- 14 **Dinner at Spicely Tuna**

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

Request to MVR Members:

For 2016 there will be a variety of MVR club positions open and they are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Social Chair
- Webmaster

If you or someone you know is possibly interested in any of these positions please contact a board member:

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Please have the names by the Nov. 7th Planning meeting as there will be a vote by the members at the Holiday Party on Nov. 13th.

Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Question: Recently I had a new key programmed on my 2006 911 Carrera at 66,000 miles and the tail now does not automatically lift. It works manually flawlessly. Any ideas on how to remedy?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt. Having a new key programmed to the vehicle should have no effect on the operation of the rear wing. Are you sure the spoiler is not deploying at speed? The spoiler should raise at 75 mph and lower below 38 mph when engine compartment temperatures are below 189 degrees F. At temperatures above 190 degrees F the spoiler raises at 50 mph and lower below 19 mph. It can be very difficult to see the wing even when in the extended position. The fact that the spoiler operates manually tells me the system is functional. Because the wing is for aerodynamic purposes and is considered a "safety" item you should be getting a warning on the dash if the spoiler drive does not properly function at speed. I would recommend having someone follow you to verify whether or not the spoiler is deploying at 75 mph before continuing diagnosis.

Boxster S Litronic Headlights Flicker and Won't Come On

Question: The Litronic headlights on my 2001 Boxster S have begun to flicker and won't come on without additional prompting at 45,000 miles (includes pushing on the light switch and/or pressing/pulling the high beam lever). I've read about possible causes including fuses, the switch itself, contacts behind the bulb, a relay, and the bulb itself.

Answer: Submitted by Bill Burris. If you're having to coax the headlights on, this is a safety challenge that must be addressed without delay. Chances are good the lights will stay on once you get them to fire but nobody wants to get stuck in the dark.

To be clear, Porsche's Litronic headlight package is different (read 'better' and 'more expensive') than the standard headlight package. High intensity discharge systems require a power unit generically called 'igniter' or 'transformer' or 'ballast' to kick off the headlight bulb that runs at a very high internal temperature, generating a light brighter than any filament bulb could ever produce. As you've described it, the high voltage ignition process is getting fussy.

While we have had the occasional challenge with the headlight switch itself, experience tells us that the issue is most likely the igniter unit. Since there are separate igniters for each headlight, if the problem is with both lamps at the same time, focus on the switch. If the issue is on one side or the other, focus on the igniter. In either case the repair isn't particularly difficult given a modest level of mechanical aptitude and some good repair information (search online, it's out there) you'll just need enough time to accomplish the task and be patient with yourself. The most painful part of the job might be in preparation for the job since original

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quality replacement parts aren't inexpensive (ouch, my wallet hurts!)

Water Leaks in 2010 911 Carrera 4S

Question: I took my 2010 911 Carrera 4S to the touchless carwash a few times, but water leaks in through the two small rear windows every time. At 25,000 miles is this normal?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt. I have a hard time saying this is normal even though Porsche states that water leaks are possible when these vehicles are subject to high-pressure water. Does it only leak in the car wash or also in a hard rain?

Where exactly is it leaking; from the seal between the door window and 1/4 window or from the gasket that seals the 1/4 window to the body? Is the vehicle a coupe or convertible? How severe is the leak? A slight leak between the door windows and 1/4 windows could be due to a slight adjustment concern of the door windows or may just be caused by the high-pressure water hitting the window at an angle the vehicle was not designed to seal against. Porsche engineers their vehicles to channel/direct water more than completely try to seal it out. This may be a bit of a judgment call on your part. If the size and frequency of the leak concerns you, visit your local repair facility and have it checked out.

PCM Lock and Navigation Settings Changing on 2009 Cayenne S

Question: The settings for locking and unlocking the car have changed every time I have driven my 2009 Cayenne S in the last week. This has started at 71,000 miles. Normally, I deselect the options to automatically lock the car when driven and unlock it when the key is pulled out. I changed the settings back to what I normally use when I started the Cayenne this morning, but both locking settings were selected again after starting the car again at the grocery store. In addition, I noticed the navigation distance settings were now in meters (vs miles), and that there were related changes in the consumption reporting. Is this a known issue? Will restoring the settings to the factory defaults -- and then resetting them -- possibly fix this? Is a firmware upgrade or reload a possible option? I don't want to consider replacing the PCM, and am hoping there is a reasonable fix available.

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt. While I have seen this a couple of times it is not a known issue. It is possible that there is a software glitch inside the PCM itself but there are a few things to try before condemning the PCM. First is what you suggested; reset the PCM to factory settings and then changing them back to your desired choices. Next, if the vehicle is equipped with seat memory, clear out the seat memory settings and store them again. Remove the key from the ignition and close up the vehicle. Lock the doors and let the vehicle sit for at least 5 minutes before checking to see if your settings have stayed. If these options do not work, try having your local service center perform a "vehicle handover" with a Porsche System Tester. This basically reboots the control units and has been known to remedy random issues. If none of this helps, it is very likely that the issue is internal to the PCM which may only be remedied with replacement.

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

I am pleased to inform you that in 2015 regions within Zone 4 hosted 3 Club Races, a significant increase from only one the previous year. Our Zone 4 Club Races

attract participants from all over the country driving a wide variety of models.

In July, OVR hosted the Top Gun Challenge at Putnam Park Road Course in Mt. Meridian, IN. They held 4 Sprint races over 2 days plus a 60-minute Enduro. There was a dinner Saturday evening where awards from the day's races were distributed. In addition, there was a 3-day Advanced HPDE in conjunction with the races. Southeast Michigan Region hosted Roar by the Shore at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI, in August. The 60-minute Enduro was held on Saturday while the Sprint races were held Sunday, and everyone enjoyed Saturday's delicious catered dinner. The weekend also included a full DE with participants receiving a generous amount of time on the track. The 3rd Club Race in Zone 4 was MORPCA's Race of Champions at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course held in September. The 4 Sprint races were held on Saturday and the 90-minute Enduro was Sunday morning. They also held an Advanced HPDE throughout the weekend. I have been working closely with regions and Club Racing to add additional races to the schedule.

Now that Porsche has officially announced the release of the GT4 Club-sport race car, I am excited to share with you that I have been one of a few individuals secretly working with Club Racing and Porsche Motorsports for some time now to possibly bring this new and exciting racing series to a world class venue within the zone. If you have never been to a Club Race, plan to attend one, or better yet, volunteer your time and services. They really are a lot of fun, and the region would greatly appreciate the assistance.

The last weekend of September Rennsport Reunion V, Legends of LeMans, the worlds premiere official Porsche gathering, was held at Laguna Seca. It was an amazing event with a record-breaking attendance of 57,351. There were 1500 cars registered for the corrals which were separated by model, including around twenty 918s.

For this event, Porsche assembled a spectacular collection of vintage and current racecars from 1955 to the present. Many of these are rarely seen outside of the factory museum or are in private collections, such as Jerry Seinfeld's #20 Gulf 917. Included in the collection were the 24hr LeMans winning 919 and the 911RSR that won the previous weekend at COTA. Chopard sponsored the Heritage Display, which showcased 60 of the rarest and most significant racecars. In addition, 50 legendary and current drivers, engineers, and owners were in attendance and participated in interviews and autograph

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sessions. Many historic cars took part in the races held throughout the weekend, and it was incredible to be able to watch several 917s racing a few feet away as we stood just outside the paddock.

The PCA tent hosted several presentations including one by August Achleitner, Porsche's 911 Product Director, who introduced the new 991.2. The twin turbocharged car represents the future of all 911s to come.

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 in boxes, region's newsletter and website, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date information about

events available to you. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- Rally Sport Region's Polar Bear Run with Lunch at the Common Grill is November 1
- November 2 is Western Michigan Region's Annual Planning Meeting at Bistro Bella Vita
- ARPCA Night with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is November 7
- Motor-Stadt Region's Monthly Board Meeting at Spagnuolo's in Okemos is November 10
- November 11 is Michiana Region's Business Meeting at Colombo's Restaurant in Elkhart
- Maumee Valley Region's Holiday Party is November 13
- Central Indiana Region's Annual Dinner Gala at Oceanaire Tea Room is November 14
- November 14 is MORPCA's 1st Trickle Charged Saturday- Hagerty INS
- Northern Ohio Region's Annual Meeting at Stoddard is November 14
- Southeast Michigan Region's General Membership Dinner is November 20 at Pasquale's Restaurant
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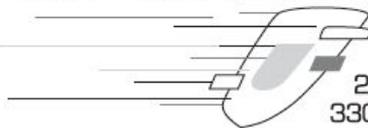
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