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Pole Position

By Craig Zenil



Larry Erd has done it again...he arranged for Maumee Valley to get an invitation to visit the most exclusive auto collection in the tri-state area. Over 100 cars were on display from exotic

foreign cars to ground pounding "American Iron." Everything was nearly perfect! Some of us had the opportunity to visit this garage back in the spring with the Toledo Vintage Car Club and at the time the Bugatti Veyron was the collection's crown jewel. Now however, the piece d'resistance was a Lamborghini Reventon!

Only 19 of these cars were produced and if you wanted to buy one you had to fly to Italy and go through an extensive interview process and hope you were lucky enough to be granted permission to do so. By the way, the old saying, "if you have to ask how much it is..." is very true – two million dollars wouldn't be enough to drive one home! The car takes many of its styling cues from our

most feared fighter plane, the F-22 Raptor. This is one car I never thought I'd get to see in person. I guess I can mark that one off my "bucket list!" More than 30 of us made the trip. Thanks again Larry!

October 9th is our next business meeting at Vin Devers and on the 18th we'll be going to the Red Pig Inn in Findlay. Unfortunately, I won't be able to make the Red Pig get together – I'll be out of town on business.

Looking forward to November, don't forget to register early for our Driver's Education event at Mid-Ohio the first weekend of the month, Nov. 1st and 2nd. Also, the 22nd will be our "Porsche Prom" at Heatherdowns Country Club, our "black tie optional" holiday dinner. Look for more info in this issue of Der Ruckspiegel.

The season is winding down, get out there and enjoy your cars before we need to tuck them away for the winter!

Keep the Porsche "blink" alive...

See you soon,



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in Findlay

6 PM October 18
215 Tiffin Ave (Route 224), Findlay.

Directions

I-75 to Exit 161 (CR 99), turn left (east) to Bright Rd, turn right (south). Follow to Tiffin Ave (St Rt 224), turn left (east). Red Pig Inn is ahead on right.

Please RSVP to Ruth 419.422.6203 (ronrag60@yahoo.com) or
Jeanne 419.841.7984 (CPJMKrauser@juno.com)

Business and Mexican in December

The December meeting
will be dinner at El Camino Real
combined with the Board Meeting

6:30 PM December 11
At the corner of Sylvania and Douglas in Toledo

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PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA MAUMEE VALLEY REGION

MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE DRIVER'S EDUCATION EVENT
November 1-2, 2008

You are cordially invited to join MVR-PCA at the Mid-Ohio sports car course. Run groups will be determined by driver's lap times and there will be no separate instructor's run group. This should allow drivers to have most of their laps unobstructed, without always running up on slower cars and having to follow them around until the next passing zone.

All drivers will be grouped based on lap times. This means there may be instructors and students in the same run group, depending on fast or slow cars, and driver ability. It doesn't matter how fast or slow you and your car may be, we are just trying to equalize pace all the time, put down lap times which reflect the pace you would like to run. We are not promoting fast times, and we will be monitoring lap times to ensure compatibility in the groups, so please make every effort to come up with realistic lap times. The object is for drivers to be comfortable and safe.

We will be rigidly sticking to the time schedule. If we are forced to shut down for disabled cars, etc., an equal amount of time will be taken from each run group to get back on schedule.

Minimum helmet requirement will be Snell SA2000. Open cars must have roll bars. The requirements for the harness system has changed for 2008. Please see the requirements posted at <http://mm.pca.org/>.

Garages are available for rent at \$100.00 for both days. Each garage can hold two cars. Call me if you have a garage preference or special request.

We are limiting the entry to 88 students, so don't wait until the last minute to register. Priority will be given to Porsches. Headquarters for the event will be the Comfort Inn Bellville at I-71 and State Route 97 in Bellville, Ohio (phone 419/886-4000).

Your entry will be confirmed by mail up to one week before the event. We look forward to sharing a fun, safe weekend at Mid-Ohio with you!

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Maumee Valley Region 2008 Calendar of Events

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

OCTOBER

- 9 MVR business meeting
18 Red Pig Inn

DECEMBER

- 11 MVR business meeting and member meeting at El Camino Real

NOVEMBER

- 1&2 Mid-Ohio Drivers Education
22 Holiday Party
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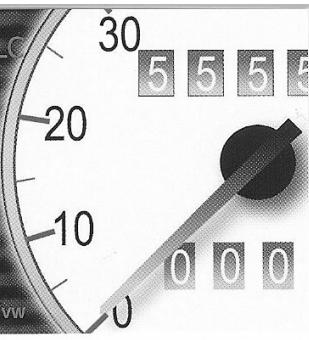
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7:PM Dinner

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reservation and do not attend you will still
have to pay. Black Tie (optional)

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**Don't forget the Board Meeting on October 9, 7 PM
at Vin Devers**

Ken Lingenfelter's Garage

By Michael Soriano

Walt Disney once proclaimed the park he built on a former orange grove in Southern California as, "The Happiest Place on Earth." And, it is often said that Las Vegas is considered Disneyland for Adults. With that in mind, it would be very appropriate for Ken Lingenfelter's Metropolitan Motor Sports in Brighton, Michigan to be considered Disneyland for Automobile Enthusiasts.

After spending some time there, if the place had guest rooms, room service, and a few other amenities, I would have to seriously consider making arrangements to take our next vacation there. Just kidding Lisa, our next vacation will still be the 14-day Hawaiian cruise you've been looking forward to taking.

Saturday, September 20, was a beautiful day, and the weather certainly cooperated with us as we began our nearly 70-mile drive to Brighton. Sixteen cars met at Westgate, and we promptly left at 9:30 a.m. Along the way we picked up a few more cars and arrived around 10:45 a.m. Larry who organized this wonderful event led the caravan in his black 997 Carrera S; followed by Jack and Linda in their ruby red Carrera. Lisa and I took out the shiny new speed yellow Cayman S, and Bill and Linda followed in their black Boxster.

Dick and Shirley, who joined us in Dundee, drove their green 911. Despite the fact that this is the Porsche Club of America, the rest of the caravan consisted of an interesting assortment of miscellaneous sports cars. For example, Craig, our president, drove his new toy, a Mini Cooper S, and Brian drove his Ferrari. So, I can only imagine what was going through people's minds as the caravan weaved in and out of traffic in almost perfect formation as we raced in unison towards our destination. I have no doubt that anyone who shared the highway with us that morning was trying to figure out exactly what we were doing, or if perhaps, this wasn't the 2008 running of the Cannonball Run.

Upon reaching our destination, we approached a fairly nondescript, large industrial building, but once inside, all of us were amazed at the bountiful treasures contained within those commercial grade steel walls. Metropolitan Motor Sports is actually divided into 3 separate collections of Mr. Lingenfelter's cars. The first section holds the exotics, the next his Corvettes, and the third is comprised of American muscle cars.

The first room as we entered, contained all of the latest and

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greatest contributions to the automotive world from Milan, Turin, and Stuttgart. And yes, there were a few British contributions as well. There was an entire wall dedicated to Ferrari most of which were Rosso Corsa (Ferrari Red); he had several F430s, a 612, and an F40 to name a few; a Lamborghini Murcielago, and a Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera. This area also housed a few Rolls, Bentleys, Jaguars, a Mercedes McLaren SLR, Maseratis, and a number of Porsches including a Cayman S, Gemballa, Carrera GT3, Carrera GT2, and yes, he had a Carrera GT.

I am starting to learn that many members of MVR have a certain attitude towards the plastic car. Yet despite these feelings, we can't help but deny that the Corvette certainly does have a firm place in automotive history. Mr. Lingenfelter's 2nd area was almost exclusively dedicated to the Corvette with vintage to current models; this included a black vintage model once owned by Nicholas Cage as well as many current offerings from Lingenfelter and Callaway.

The third room showcased American muscle cars including a Ford GT, an original Shelby Cobra, an assortment of mustangs including several creations from both Saleen and Shelby. Perhaps one of the highlights of the day was when the garage caretaker

started up a few of the cars in the collection. There was the Saleen S7, the 2003 Ferrari Enzo, and for the benefit of the Porsche club, the caretaker chose to start up one of Mr. Lingenfelter's newest toys, his Cayman S which has been outfitted with a Tubi exhaust.

Without question, however, the kings of the collection would have to be the supercars or for the purposes of Der Ruckspiegel, perhaps I should say Uber cars. These included the nearly \$2 million Bugatti Veyron W16.4, the \$1.5 million 2009 Lamborghini Reventon (of which only 20 were made), a \$1 million Saleen S7, a \$1 million 2003 Ferrari Enzo.

Many of us stood amazed and in awe amidst these pristine examples of automotive excellence. The dazzling array of beautifully factory finished paint, trimmed with chrome, aluminum, and even carbon fiber, made it easy to believe that we were at the North American International Auto Show or even some sort of automotive museum. But the ubiquitous presence of the orange extension cords and trickle chargers in nearly every car, a familiar site in my own garage, certainly serves as a reminder that this was definitely not an auto show or museum exhibit but was, in fact, one man's commitment and expression to a passion that we in the MVR of the PCA all share; the affinity and love of well crafted automobiles.

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October 2008 - Club
Member Anniversaries

Bill Bauman	37 Years
Barney and Beth Stewart	21 Years
Larry and Sally Erd	12 Years
Ronald and Sharon Gargasz	12 Years
Dale Williams	11 Years
Bruce and Diane Butcher	10 Years
Sheri and Timothy Belson	3 Years
Gale and Darlene Heller	2 Years

OOPS!
Non-renewals

William Anderson
James O'Connell
Christopher Thie

Did you forget to send your membership renewal into National? Won't you please take a moment now to send it in? We'd hate to lose you as members!

New Members

Donald and Kathleen McMahan are transfers from the Rocky Mountain Region. Donald and Kathleen drive a Black 2000 Boxter S.

MVR Points

Maumee Valley Region elected Officers will be ineligible for end of year awards so that they, as a group, can decide who should receive end of year awards for Enthusiast, Rookie and Family of the year. Officers, will make these decisions based on attendance, participation and involvement in Maumee Valley and Zone 4 activities and be a reflection of both participation and contribution.

- 1 point for attending any PCA Zone 4 event reported to the MVR Secretary.
- 1 point for participating in an event such as an Autocross, Concour, Driver's Ed., etc and reported to the MVR Secretary
- 1 point for driving a Porsche to any PCA Zone 4 event reported to the MVR Secretary.
- 1 point for driving over 50 miles to any Zone 4 event reported to the MVR Secretary
- 1 point for helping with an event in a significant manner as reported to the MVR Secretary or Event Chair.
- 3 points for chairing or hosting an event reported to the MVR Secretary.

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Random thoughts after a Fantastic Weather Weekend:

By Pete MacDonald

This past weekend Deb and I took off for Houghton Lake Michigan (about 230 miles north) in the Boxster. The temperature was about 75 heading to the 80's sun shining and clear. So naturally, the top was down and smiles on our faces.

The only trouble with expressway driving with the top down is the noise. It's amazing how loud other cars and trucks seem to be. However, we cranked up the radio, rolled up the windows and cruised down the road. At 75 mph I was the slowest car, and every time I started to move with the traffic, which there was plenty of, Deb would say to me: "You know... if three cars are speeding past a policeman, he's going to ticket the sports car." Knowing that she's right, I would reluctantly slow down.

Traffic in Michigan always amazes me. Everyone and I mean everyone, drives in the left lane! It doesn't matter if there's no other car in the right lane for a mile; they stay in the left lane! What happened to the "olden days" of passing on the left? Sorry, I digress...

About 2 hours north, just past Birch Run, is "Freeway Fritz" a Frankenmuth chicken restaurant on I-75. A must stop if you like mashed potatoes and gravy. We do, we did!

Also, if you don't like chicken, the Birch Run exit has "Tony's". If you've never stopped there, you must try it the next time you head north. Tony's is famous for the amount of food you get. Have you ever had a BLT on home-made thick bread with a pound of bacon on it??? I have. Hunters stop there on the way north to provision up.

Once you get past Bay City and over the Zilwaukee Bridge, there's less traffic and clean air. As I get closer to 80 mph I hear "remember what I said earlier?" Yes Dear however..! The Boxster is at the top of her game around 80. Smooth and making just the right exhaust sound. Note: up to this point, no other Porsches have been seen on the road??? Around Westbranch you are now in rolling hills and hardwood trees as far as you can see. Westbranch also has "The Dream" one of my favorite golf courses, but alas, we cruise by.

Houghton Lake is the largest lake in Michigan. It's a natural spring fed clear water lake that is a favorite of boaters and people who love to Ice Fish. They have one of the most celebrated Tip-Up-Town's in the USA. However, we're there and it's a perfect 75 degrees and not a cloud in the sky. That evening was spectacular! The sun was setting behind us and the moon was coming up

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over the trees in front. As the full moon rose over the lake, it created a white sidewalk like reflection all the way across the lake. Fantastic! We sat there mesmerized.

The next morning was cool and clear, about 48 degrees but warming fast. We decide to head down Rt 55 for breakfast. Just about a mile or two away is the Ron's Coney Dog Restaurant. It's owned by a Greek so you know the food was good. Ron wasn't there but... Try the Greek Omelet.

The weather by then was fantastic! We spent that day driving around and seeing the sights. About 100 miles north is Petoskey Michigan, gateway to the Boynes, 50 miles west is Traverse City, another great vacation area. This is the best time of the year to drive up north. From now until the end of October the colors are fantastic! We're too early, but there are hints...Again, no Porsches. The next morning, we get up, clean the cottage and hit the road. We try to be on I-75 before 10am because later, the traffic is awful. Around 11 am Iva's opens in Sterling. Iva's is an Old House restaurant that's been selling chicken dinners since the 50's, and they've got it down! Of course we stop there for an early lunch. Back on the road the traffic picks up, but the weather is fantastic!

The top goes down, the music goes up. After about an hour or so, traffic is locked into the pass-

ing lane again!

As we cruise back to Toledo, we can smell the flowers, grass and morning rain. Soon, clouds, snow and cold air will replace these wonderful scents and the Boxster will be covered up for a long winter nap. However, right now, all is well. We blow past Ann Arbor and roll into the Toledo area. The Boxster did her job well. We averaged 28 miles per gallon at 75- 80 miles/hour and it was a pleasure driving or actually being part of her trip up North and back.

We finally did see another Porsche around Sylvania. Funny, we traveled about 500 + miles and saw only one other.

We wish for you many more pleasurable miles such as ours, in your Porsche. If you can, get it on the road, open it up and enjoy the music it makes.

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After approximately 2½ hours of perusing the warehouses containing a portion of Mr. Lingenfelter's phenomenal collection, 28 of us headed to the Brighton House Restaurant where we enjoyed a wonderful meal and lively conversation. Before dispersing, a brief meeting was held to discuss upcoming events. When Craig proposed that we do this again, we all agreed, and I immediately suggested we make it a monthly trip.

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Ken Lingenfelter's Garage Pictures *Photos by Michael Soriano*





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....the Checkered Flag!

What a great month to be the Editor. There were two articles submitted by members. First we have the story by Pete MacDonald about a weekend trip that he took with his wife. Next we get a story about the MVR trip to the Lingenfelter garage by Michael Soriano. Thanks for the submissions.



Coming up this month is the dinner at the Red Pig Inn in Findlay and next month will be the holiday dinner at the Heather Downs Country Club. This will be "black tie optional". Note to self: find the tie.

The weather is beginning to become fall and the leaves are turning. This will lead to some great road trips. If you have any pictures or stories, please submit them for publication.

Moving??

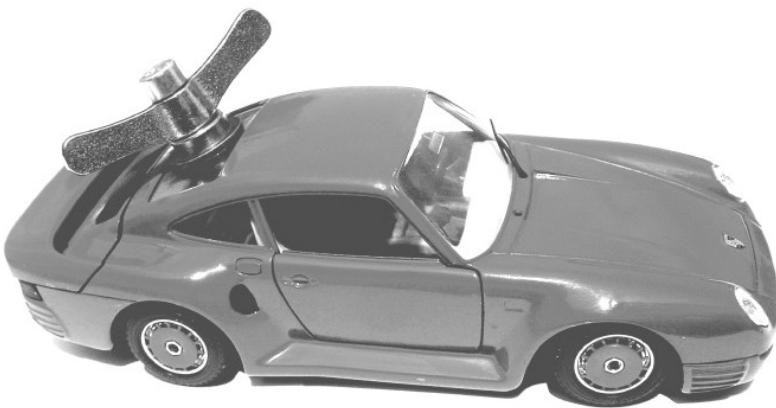
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Don't forget to register for the our Region DE that will be held on November 1 and 2.

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

...from the Editor

As summer winds down...



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