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Photo on cover: The Harris' car at Mon Ami

Photo by Deb Isley

Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

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The Open Road



Another month is gone. We still have some decent driving weather left for those who do not like to drive their Porsche in the snow. That means we all need to get out and drive.

Although there are still some good days ahead, I am making plans for oil changes and tucking the cars away for the winter.

This month we have a review of the drive to Mon Ami and the brunch that followed. It was great turn out again. A report by Deb Isley and pictures by Deb and Robb Mack can be found on page 8.

The golf scramble in Bowling Green was certainly a lot of fun. Even those of us that have not held a golf club in years had an enjoyable time.

The Art Museum tour was well liked by those that attended. I heard several in the audience say that we did not have enough time and were asking for a

repeat. Look for a report in next months newsletter.

Coming up soon is the planning meeting. I know that the social committee has already started working on events for next year. Be sure to let them know if you would willing to host an event or assist in putting on an event.

On November 15th a Monte Carlo night will be hosted by Todd and Sarah Mierzwiak. This will be a fun night and a good fund raising party for this years charity.

The final party for the year will be our Holiday party on December 5th. It is going to be at Parkway Place in Maumee. Watch your mail for the formal invitation.

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

.....the editor



From The Podium

By Diane Schoen



The days are getting shorter and cooler; I do believe Fall is quickly approaching. The days are getting fewer for our treasured Porsches to be driven, and soon we will be cleaning

them and preparing them to be stored away for the winter season. The end to another driving season, sigh! I was a little disappointed in my ability to "Get out and Drive" my new car this summer. With all the construction, cement walls and orange barrels on I-75, I was a little concerned about having the Boxster on the expressway, so the miles and smiles were limited for me this summer. I guess there is next year to look forward too!

This past month we've had some great venues. In September we had the well attended Golf Scramble in Bowling Green and then this past week we had the Art Museum Tour led by our one and only docents, Tom Isley and Suzanne Jennings. It was a great tour, and we all agreed that we definitely needed more time to enjoy all that the museum has to offer, so we are hoping we can arrange another museum outing

soon! Thanks Tom and Suzanne for doing such a great job!

This October 18th is the planning meeting at the Valentine's. We have a lot to discuss and plan for what you, as members of The Maumee Valley Region would like to do in 2015. We welcome everyone's input. This is replacing the planning party we usually have at Chris and Jeanne's in January, so if you have ideas of what you would like to do this next year please plan on attending and bringing those ideas with you.

In November we have our Monte Carlo at the Mierzwiak's, remember, this is a charity event so you do not have to "gamble" to attend. Just come for the party! To follow that will be our Annual Holiday Party on Friday, Dec. 5th at Park Place Plaza....watch your mailbox for your invitation and mail it back as soon as you can for our head count. It plans on being a great venue with a DJ and dancing (only if you want to), so I hope to see you all at these upcoming events!

Drive safe these last few weeks that you have and remember to keep the blink alive!!

Blink, Blink,

Diane



MAUMEE VALLEY PCA

2014 Holiday Party

Friday, December 5th, 2014

Parkway Place

2592 Parkway Plaza

Maumee, Ohio 43537

- ♦ *Cocktail & Social hour 6:00 - 7:00*
 - ♦ *Dinner and awards 7:00*
 - ♦ *Charity Basket Silent Auction & Raffle*
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Mon Ami Drive and Brunch

By Deb Isley



Robb Mack Photo

On Sunday, August 24th, fifty two of us met at Wildwood Metropark for the drive to Mon Ami. While many returned for another wonderful drive, there were some new faces on the drive, too! We discussed whether we'd be rained on but decided to chance it and put the convertible tops down. After the drivers' meeting the route started on the city streets and highways until we were able to transition to country roads off the beaten path. Yes, there are roads in northwest Ohio that have curve ahead signs perfect for driving our cars and several were included in the route!



We took a break at the William Henry Harrison Park in Pemberville to take pictures and admire the cars. The sun started peeking out from behind clouds as we continued the drive along the Portage River. East of Woodville, we turned north to drive to Elliston, Ohio area where we turned east and drove along the Toussaint River and tributaries, past a conservation league

site, and by marshes. While driving on the East Toussaint Rd. North, I thought what a great gimmick rally question this would make, which direction are you traveling on this road! The final part of the route took us along the shore of Lake Erie that had white caps and several sailboats taking advantage of the wind and sunshine. We all arrived at Mon Ami where we joined additional members in plenty of time to talk and admire the cars some more. The brunch was delicious with waffle, omelet, and carving stations, seafood, several Mon Ami dishes, and scrumptious desserts. During brunch, we visited, shared stories of summer vacations, and upcoming fall events. A short business meeting was included to update the attendees on upcoming events. After saying our goodbyes, we went our different directions, to the wine shop, out to the Marblehead lighthouse, drive around the island, or stay at Mon Ami to listen to the band. What a relaxing way to spend a Sunday, with wonderful PCA members and friends!

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When you are the lead car this is what you see for most of the trip.

Photos by Robb Mack, Deb Isley and Tom Isley



Some times the trains get in the way



Yes, Diane lets Jim drive her car



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September 2014 - Club
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James O'Connell	27 Years
John and Suzanne Jennens	21 Years
Anthony Calabrese	5 Years
Lawrence Billinsley	4 Years
Thomas and Gretchen Farley	3 Years
Michael and Laura Valentine	3 Years
Mary and Peter Koury	2 Years
Richard Morrison	2 Years
Tod Phillips	2 Years
Kenneth and Ann Wise	2 Years
Michael Gilley	1 Year



New Members

Mark Bernhardt of Perrysburg
Driving a Red 1992 968 Cabriolet

Dave Zimmerman of Sylvania
Driving a Silver 2012 911 Carrera S
Coupe

Maumee Valley Region Membership:

Primary Members	140
Affiliate Members	110
Total Members	250

**MAUMEE VALLEY PCA
OCTOBER PLANNING MEETING
Saturday, October 18, 2014**

Starting at 4:30pm

Planning for 2015 Social Events and Dinners

**Mike and Laura Valentine's
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**The Valentine's will be serving pasta and meatballs
Please bring an appetizer, Side or Dessert.**

Beth (419) 829-2882 or beths.mvrpca@bex.net

Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Golf Scramble and Dinner at
BG Country Club
- 14 #Cars and Coffee
- 19-21 #Stan Hywet Hall Concours d
Elegance
- 21 NOR Autocross

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DECEMBER

- 5 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.

This year MVR will be supporting the American Cancer Society for our charity. We are looking for members to help sponsor various themed gift baskets to be raffled at our Dec. 5 holiday party. Please consider a donation of items that can be placed in the baskets. The desire is for the baskets to be valued at about \$100.

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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:

Deb Isley, 419.535.8688
Sarah Mierzwiak, 419.215.5980
or
Yvonne Burlingame, 419.350.4335.



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

**MAUMEE VALLEY PCA
NOVEMBER EVENT**

Saturday, November 15, 2014

Monte Carlo Night at the Mierzwiak's

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Sarah Mierzwiak – smierzwiak1@aol.com

Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Passenger Window Auto-Up Function

2007 997 Coupe

Question: The passenger window auto-up function on my 997 requires me to hold the window switch in the up position for about 3-4 seconds otherwise the window will stop going up when I release the switch. Compare to the driver side switch where a simple quick pull up on the switch and the auto-up feature works without stopping. Is this a factory pre-set to appease the tort lawyers who presumably want to make SURE the driver wants to raise the passenger window in auto-up mode, or is my car possessed by electrical demons?

Answer: Submitted by Dustin Aydt [SVR]

The situation you are describing is a frequent concern among 997 owners and is normal operation. I have been told it is a safety feature but have never received clarification as to why. It is only this way on the Carreras; Boxster, Cayman, Cayenne and Panamera are not like this. Once the window has passed the 1/2 way point, the window will operate in the one-touch functionality.

1985 944 wont idle

1985 944

Mileage: 123 068

Question: Vehicle starts, but stalls when foot removed from gas. Engine will not maintain RPM's without pressure on gas pedal. Replaced the cap/ rotor/ fuel pump/ fuel filter/ battery and vacume lines. I am at a loss, please help.

Answer: Submitted by George Beuselin

Your symptom is almost definitely a large vacuum leak, which caused the fuel mixture to be so lean that it will not idle. The easy diagnostic method is to listen for a hissing noise when the engine is running. If that doesn't work, try to pressurize the intake system and use a bottle of soapy water to spray around the intake and look for bubbles. (When this is done using a smoke machine, it is known as a smoke test.) On your car, the most likely culprits are the large j-boot (between the air flow meter and the throttle body) and the 3/4 inch vacuum hose at the bottom of the plenum on the intake manifold.

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What Is The "Expected" Life Of My Clutch?

1996 911 Carrera Cabriolet

Mileage: 39 700

Question: I have owned my 993 Porsche for almost 9 years and have driven it only 7000 miles in that time. I am being told that my clutch "engages high - rough operation".

Answer: by Joel Reiser [UCR]

Actually the clutch system includes hydraulic components that have a typical life of 10-15 years. It is typical to have a clutch master cylinder and or clutch slave cylinder fail in that timeframe. We recommend changing both every 15 years at the same time whether they need it or not. Bleeding the clutch fluid is a commonly overlooked maintenance necessity, and that will shorten those numbers.

Now as far as the clutch disc, it is totally dependent on the way it is driven. I have seen a new clutch disc used up in under 10k miles due to hard acceleration before the clutch is fully released, causing heavy slippage at high speeds / high rpms / full throttle. I have also seen original clutch discs go more than 50,000 miles with no signs of approaching the wear limit. It all depends. In your case I would do the hydraulics first, re-test, and if no improvement, then pull the transmission and service the clutch.

If you don't trust the shop you're at, ask other PCA members in your region who they like for cars like this.

Best Tires for 2003 C4S

2003 911 Carrera 4S

Question: I am looking for performance but quiet and smooth, have Pirelli P0 N3 that ride hard and noisy.

Answer: Joel Reiser [UCR]

Check out the reviews on TireRack.com. You might like the Michelins, Dunlops, or Bridgestones. Pirelli's P-zero is a good tire, and its always best to have the N-spec tires of any brand. That means they were specially designed to pass Porsche's custom standards & tests for use on a rear-engined 996. There are many fine tires that work well on front-engined BMW/Audi/Mercedes that don't do well on a rear-engined Porsche. Anyway also bear in mind that any high performance street tire is JUNK in 5-6 years, and must be replaced per Porsche. If you don't believe them, try it, they get noisy as hell and they don't work well, regardless of brand.

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano
Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

With the arrival of autumn upon us, it is a great time to look back and reflect upon all of the exciting activities that took place within Zone 4 during a busy and

fun-filled summer. In a scenic park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, I attended Southeast Michigan Region's annual Family Picnic and Concours; a tradition that is 38 years old. Over 100 members dined upon an impressive selection of appetizers, side dishes and at least 4 different entrees. A number of trophies were awarded to the nice variety of cars in attendance. I travelled to Northern Ohio Region's 3rd Annual Rib Burn Off and Social, where approximately 150 members were treated to a wide variety of ribs and other types of barbecue. In addition they served fresh cut fries and had a bar with frozen margaritas and beer on tap. I also joined Maumee Valley Region members for their annual Sunday Champagne Brunch at Mon Ami Winery on beautiful Catawba Island; a long standing tradition, and one of the region's most popular events. Members were able to enjoy delicious food and could spend the afternoon listening to live music or visiting some of the other attractions that Lake Erie has to offer.

Recently, I was given the opportunity to spend the day driving a nice selection of brand new cars that had just been

shipped over from Germany for this event. The first part of the day was spent navigating a 40 acre autocross course in the Panamera GTS and Macan Turbo. The remainder of the day we were able to run the new Boxster GTS, Cayman GTS, and Targa 4S on a test track. I'm sure we would all agree that this was an outstanding way to spend the day, and the expert instruction provided by the Porsche Driving School was an added bonus.

As we look ahead to events being offered this month, there are some great opportunities to enjoy some more time behind the wheel before the driving season concludes and it is time to store your car for the winter. A number of regions have beautiful color tours scheduled as well as a rally and a DE. Make sure to get out and take advantage of these opportunities. The regions have been working very hard to promote their events throughout the zone, and it has been extremely rewarding to see this zone continue to grow as members from every region are offered a variety of events to attend each month. 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:

- Allegheny Region's Grand Concours at Station Square is October 4
- Join Northern Ohio Region members on

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October 4 for a Scenic Railroad Wine Train

- October 4 & 5 is Ohio Valley Region's Rallye Porsche Mariemont Tour
- On October 5 join Motor-Stadt Region for a Sunday Colors Tour in Mason, MI
- October 11 is Michiana Region's Dine and Drive to Crown Pointe
- Rally Sport Region's Fall Color Tour is October 11
- October 11 is Western Michigan Region's Fall Color Tour
- Central Indiana and Mid-Ohio Regions are holding a DE at Putnam Raceway on Oct. 18-19

- October 18 is Maumee Valley Region's Annual Planning Meeting
- Southeast Michigan Region is holding its Fall Color Tour on October 19
- October 25 is Eastern Buckeye Region's Porsche Pasta Party

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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