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Photo on cover: Steven Uhlman at his first autocross
Photo by Jeff Uhlman

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Schnell Fahrspur

By Todd Mierzwiak



The summer driving season is slowly winding down for a lot of people. Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to get out and “exercise” their cars this season. I actually got out and drove the Turbo a fair amount this season. No sense in having a car collecting dust in the garage. I would still like to coordinate a couple of car related drives to Southern Ohio like Hocking Hills or Amish country. If anyone is interested in a short caravan, let me know.

Last month we went to Chicago with a few other couples to experience the Windy City. We had a great time visiting sites like the Shedd Aquarium and walking through Millennium Park and along the river at night. We also had an opportunity to eat at some of the nicest restaurants I’ve ever been to. It doesn’t seem like Chicago ever sleeps!

We had a nice Club get together at the Jennens home in July. I would like to thank John and Suzanne for opening their house to all of the club members. Jim & Diane Schoen hosted a great barn hoe-down at their home in August. I was in Canada, but I heard it was a

great time by everyone who attended. In September there will be a cookout at Toledo Suburban Airport hosted by Tom Trumbull. For those brave souls, I believe that the owner will be offering some type of introductory flight ride. Put it on your calendars.

I thought it would be interesting to share with our members some of the things going on with Porsche AG. Over the past year or so, Wendelin Wiedeking, Porsche CEO has been positioning the company to acquire Volkswagen. Wiedeking has been with Porsche for 26 years. During that tenure he has guided the company back from the brink of bankruptcy to one of the most profitable automobile manufacturers in the world. In 2005, he approached the Porsche board with the notion that Porsche could pull off a coup by acquiring

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The Dubai Journal

by Bob Cryan

As I continue with the August edition of the Dubai Journal I must first apologize for missing the deadline for the July issue. It seems that I really bit off more than I could chew in terms of deadlines. First, I arrived home on June 11th just in time to travel by car the next day to Syracuse for my 50th high school class reunion. Of course, Charlotte was with me and we had to visit with my stepmom as it would likely be nearly 2 years before we would see her again. She is 91. Then we had to stop on the way home to see other relatives in Harrisburg and Youngstown. We got back to Toledo on the 16th with less than 10 days until the movers would arrive to take all of our belongings to Idaho, our new home of the future, whenever that is! In that short space of time we packed nearly everything (with the wonderful help of Sarah Mierzwik and Deb Isley); attended three going-away/goodbye/retirement (for Charlotte) parties and, one wedding. Time seems to have a way of getting away from you when you need it the most. The wedding was at the same time as the Concours and we just couldn't do both. Here comes the second apology to the Soriano's for our missing what we were told was a great evening! Well, the movers did come and we did drive away from Toledo with

sad hearts headed to first Chicago, then St. Louis, then Keystone, Colorado for the Porsche Parade, and finally, Nampa, Idaho (near Boise) by way of Salt Lake City. Our furniture arrived on July 4th and the next round of apologies was already due to Tom Isley for not meeting his newsletter production deadline. He met it, but not me. Sorry for the last time. By the way, the parade was cool and we were so lucky to have Deb and Tom there to greet us. Fun time was had by all which I think Tom's pics in the latest issue showed. Really neat cars. Too bad we had to sell our Boxster. BUT, there will be a new one upon returning to the states according to Charlotte!

So much for excuses. Now, on to the real parts of the Dubai Journal. Remember when I said I would tell you all about the Palm Jameira and the Atlantis?? Well, here it is. The UAE is home to a massive construction project which has actually extended the coastline of the UAE some 70 kilometers by adding sand and rock to create coastal images of palm trees upon which are built huge numbers of marinas, condos, villas and apartment complexes. There are four of these projects. Only one, the Palm Jameira is complete. Each of the palm island images can be seen from space and represent monu-



mental engineering feats to not only “import” the sand via dredging and rock from mountains in Oman, but to keep each island from just eroding back into the gulf. In one section of the coastline in front of the Atlantis there is a 40 meter wide rock coastal barrier that extends approximately 8 kilometers north and south. The boulders that form this rocky barrier are mostly 2-3 meters in diameter.



Palm Jameira is reached via a four lane expressway that goes out mid-

way to the tip of the island; then through a tunnel under the Atlantis archway and arrives at the coastal roadway leading to the Atlantis Hotel and Amusement Park.



This hotel is beyond belief as the pictures show.



The high rise apartments and condos along the way out to Atlantis are equally spectacular. Property in this area even in a depressed economy starts at over \$500,000.00 and goes up astronomically above \$16,000,000.00 for villas and marina-side, single-family homes.

If dreaming about owning an apartment or condo in this area doesn't get your attention then maybe spending a few nights in the Hatta Mountain Hotel resort will.

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Maumee Valley Region 2009 Calendar of Events

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

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NOVEMBER

21 Holiday Party, Hilton Gar-
den Inn, Perrysburg

DECEMBER

10 Business Meeting/end of
year dinner at El Camino
Real, Toledo

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the much larger Volkswagen. During this timeframe however the economic times changed and Porsche became saddled with about \$14.3 billion in corporate debt. Ferdinand Piech, a member of the Porsche founding family and board member seized the opportunity to remove Wiedeking from the company. Don't feel too badly for him as his take home pay last year was \$110 million. Michael Macht has been named the new CEO of Porsche AG. This will pave the way for a merger between Porsche and the much larger Volkswagen. The word out is that the combined entity will operate under the historic

Auto Union name. Porsche should remain autonomous from Volkswagen, just as Bentley, Seat and Skoda are doing. It will be interesting to see how this union pans out and what types of new products will come out of the company.

Remember to keep the blink alive!

Todd

Cookout at Suburban Airport

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Autocross Pictures

By Jeff Uhlman



MVR/PCA Membership News

**July 2009 - Club
Member Anniversaries**

Jack and Dax Bushmeyer	36 Years
Nirakar Thakur	27 Years
James O'Connell	22 Years
John and Suzanne Jennens	16 Years
Robert Celeste Orr	6 Years
Lynn Child	2 Years



New Members

Nick Camp from Perrysburg Ohio, driving a Black 1986 911

Scott and Jill Welch from Ottawa OH, driving a Silver 1999 Boxster.

We plan to return the popular feature of door prizes to our Holiday Party in November, and I have volunteered to coordinate the effort. Please contact any possible sources that you may have for door prizes, or if you prefer that I contact them, give me the necessary information. Also, if anyone has any suitable items that you wish to donate (or "re-gift"), you may bring them to any future club meeting or to the party itself. My telephone number is (419) 893-8597, e-mail lmechel@bex.net.

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Diane Butcher	2
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Boo Callaghan	3
Pete Callaghan	3
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Shirley Gobba	9
Dick Gobba	9
Ruth Gulliford	10
Ron Gulliford	10
Kim Harris	7
Bob Harris	8
Deb Isley	18
Tom Isley	20
Suzanne Jennens	9

John Jennens	11
Sandra Kinker	10
Alan Kinker	10
Jeanne Krauser	19
Chris Krauser	22
Sarah Mierzwi ak	25
Todd Mierzwiak	24
Linda Mechel	13
Jack Mechel	18
Barb Nolen	9
Richard Nolen	9
Linda Roan	8
Bill Roan	7
Chuck Schaub	2
Diane Schoen	12
Jim Schoen	12
Lisa Soriano	26
Michael Soriano	25
Janet Sternfeld	1
Bill Sternfeld	1
Beth Stewart	5
Barney Stewart	5
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MVR Points

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- 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

Note: To receive credit for attending or participating in an event outside MVR, but within Zone 4, a member must report on this event in the **Der RÜCK-SPIEGEL** as well as to the MVR Secretary

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Cayman die cast car	blue, black	\$25.00
Pewter Porsche crest pin		\$10.00

Please call Jeff Vollmar at 586-739-1636

Der RÜCKSPIEGEL

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Traveling northeast from Dubai for about an hour across quite barren high desert brings you to the mountain resort of Hatta and the Hatta Fort and Heritage Museum. We made a day trip to this area and had a delightful lunch in the Hotel. The mountains are very stark and without vegetation. The lack of greenery is something you learn to get used to in the UAE. The pictures show the hotel, its little cottages referred to as chalet style and the beautiful pool with its mountain backdrop.



Adjacent to the hotel is a tennis court and golf course. Of course, it is hot out at this time of year, about 90 degrees when you get up in the morning and rising to over 105 for most of the day, so no one in their right mind would be play-

ing tennis or golfing right now. An overnight stay here with a delicious dinner normally costs about \$250 per couple, not bad for really neat place in the desert mountains.

Well, Charlotte and I want to again, extend an invitation to any one who wants to come and see the area. We are moving into our 4 bedroom apartment in two weeks. We will be 8 minutes from the airport and very close to most of the city sights and new metro which will open in early September. The metro will enable people to avoid the constant traffic tieups and congestion. My sister is coming in late October; our kids are coming in November; our former neighbors are coming in early October, and; an old UT friend is coming with his wife in late September. So, get signed up LOL!!! Seriously, we would love to see you.

The next installment will bring some familiarity to the capital city to the south of Dubai, Abu Dhabi where our other campus is located.

Until then, ma a salama.



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Thanks to Jeff Uhlman for providing the pictures from the Autocross. It is always nice to get input from other members for the newsletter.

The MVR Drivers Education event will be here soon which will be the last chance to get some track time this year. If you did not get your invitation you should let Jeff Vollmar know.

With the season coming to a close it is time to think about next year's events. If you would like to suggest an event or even better, host an event, be sure and let the Social Director know so your input gets into the schedule. If you have never been to an event there is no better why to get involved.

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

.....the editor

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