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Schnell Fahrspur

By Todd Mierzwiak



This has been a truly nice summer this year although Mother Nature has made sure that we are keeping First Energy in business. By the time you read this article it will be the

middle of September and the sun will be dipping down a little sooner each day. Hopefully we still have quite a bit of time left to get the cars out and enjoy them before the end of the driving season. Sarah & I have tried to get her car out quite a bit with the top down and the wind in our hair (at least hers anyway!!). On the home front, we've been busy doing some house projects of late. Sarah decided that Todd needed a freshened up man cave in the basement. She completely redid the rec room with paint, drapes and updated the fireplace. The finishing touch was a new TV/sound system to enjoy. Sarah started back at U.T. teaching a couple of weeks back. She enjoys filling the heads of our youth with lots of formulas and equations. Hopefully they feel the same way. We have just finalized plans to visit Bob and Charlotte Cryan over in Dubai. We will be going over to visit for two weeks in November. Bob was able to get everyone tickets for the Formula F1 race in Abu Dhabi. If you haven't followed this, the emirate has committed countless

dollars to establish a strong F1 presence in this region. I can't wait to see what kind of pictures I can get while over there visiting. Thanks to Bob's column we are all a little more informed about this part of the world.

We have several upcoming events that I want everyone to put on their calendar. In October, Jeff and Terri Vollmar will be hosting a get together at their house. In addition we will have our Drivers Ed School the last weekend of October. Make sure to get your registrations into Jeff as soon as possible. Hopefully the weather will be as good as it has been in prior years. Make sure to check the website for additional details.

I have been reading a lot about the new Porsche 911 GT2 RS. What a mouthful, but what a car that has come out of Stuttgart. You can't pick up a car magazine without reading an article about this new car. This month's Excellence, Car & Driver, Automobile and Motor

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- 19 Holiday Party at the Toledo
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October 9th party at the Vollmars

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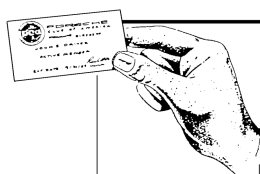
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July 2010 - Club Member Anniversaries

Jack and Dax Bushmeyer	37 Years
Nirakar Thakur	28 Years
James O'Connell	23 Years
John and Suzanne Jennens	17 Years
Robert Celeste Orr	7 Years
Lynn Child	3 Years
Anthony and Michael Calabrese	1 Year



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Lawrence Billinsley from Sylvania,
Ohio, driving a Black 1984, 911

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Our First Parade

by Lisa and Michael Soriano



On the morning of July 2, a group of 8 of us from MVR met at the Isley's to head out for the 55th annual Porsche Parade in St. Charles, IL; for half of us, this was our first Parade while this was Tom and Deb's 10th or 11th. So, with all of our cars fully loaded, the caravan of Porsches left just past Noon. Todd and Sarah and Tom and Deb were driving their cars with the tops open, and after about an hour or two, it was time to stop at our first service plaza; Sarah wanted the top up and Tom's arms did too. We reached the Pheasant Run Resort around 5 or 6 p.m., settled into our rooms and decided to meet for dinner around 7:30 p.m.

Tom and Deb met up with friends from NOR (Northern Ohio Region) and decided to have dinner with them, so the rest of us headed to the center of town to look for a nice place to eat, and after surveying the choices, we chose Francesca's, a charming little Italian restaurant one block from the river. While we were waiting to be seated, we saw Tom and Deb and even wound up being

seated right next to them. We later found out we chose one of the best local restaurants.

The following morning was registration and after hearing numerous stories about how long the lines get, we decided to be in line as early as possible. Since this was our first Parade, we got up bright and early with the intention of being the first people in line. And, when we arrived at 7:15 a.m., there was only 1 person who arrived even earlier, Shirley Gobba. By arriving so early, we completed our registration in 30 minutes, except for seating for the Victory Banquet, and that's because everyone wanting to sit together had to be present. So, while we waited for everyone else to arrive so we could get our seat assignments for the Victory Banquet, Shirley and I decided to go check out the Goodie Store which we discovered wasn't opening until the next day. Michael didn't want to go and sat on a sofa in the ballroom where he got hit on by a woman who's father was a Concours Judge and had attended 50 of the 55

Parades.

By 9:30 a.m., the rest of the group finally entered the ballroom, so we got into the extremely long line to reserve our seats for the Victory Banquet; 90 minutes later, we were finally at the front of the line. After that, we all (13 of us) met in the lobby to go to lunch. We decided to go to Portillos, a local restaurant with a great atmosphere, specializing in Chicago Style Hot dogs, located just next to the resort. After lunch, Todd, Jim, Diane and us walked across the street to the exhibition center where we met up with the Isleys to watch the people preparing their vehicles for Concours. As we walked by a Boxster, we saw a woman who was lying on her back under the car wearing goggles and a miner's light cleaning the brakes with a toothbrush. We saw another person cleaning the inside of his tire, and we saw vehicles that were wrapped in plastic to prevent any dust getting on them because they had already been completely cleaned. It was absolutely impressive to watch these individuals meticulously cleaning their cars, especially since most of these people had already spent several weeks if not months at home prepping their vehicles and what we were seeing was just the final prep before Concours which was the next day.

This year for the first time, the organizers offered Parade 101, where they provided valuable tips to help you with your first Parade. After attending the hour long lecture Saturday at 4 p.m., perhaps the most valuable thing we learned was that everyone had to be present during



registration when reserving seats for the banquets.

That evening, we attended the Welcome Party, which was held at a hangar at the DuPage Airport. At the event, there was a nice collection of vintage planes and several Porsches for us to enjoy. The food for the evening consisted of Chicago's specialty foods including Lou Malnati's deep dish pizza, hot Italian beef sandwiches, sliders, and Chicago style hot dogs. For dessert, they served Eli's famous Cheesecake, and if that wasn't good enough, they later brought out frozen chocolate covered cheesecake on a stick. After dinner, we all walked around the tarmac looking at the planes and cars, and we had the opportunity to meet and take a picture with Hans-Peter Porsche.

The evening concluded with a raffle for a 2011 Cayenne S benefitting Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and a silent and live auction. We purchased 2 raffle tickets, while Todd and Sarah bought a 15ft banner autographed by Hans-Peter Porsche in the live auction.

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Sunday, July 4, was the Concours and Car Corral. After shopping at the Goodie Store, we all walked around on our own admiring Porsches from many different eras and ones that we very rarely have an opportunity to see. Just as the Concours was about to end, the dark clouds rolled in. While most of us do our best to avoid exposing our vehicles to rain or snow, even if it is for only a few minutes, many of the cars being shown are collectibles that have never seen rain, so the Concours field began to quickly clear out while the announcers kept reminding everyone that all of the cars were to remain in place until 3 p.m.

For dinner that evening, we ate at one of our favorite restaurants in Chicago, Gino's East, serving the best deep dish pizza; we all had a great time and then watched the fireworks on our own.

Throughout the week, everyone participated in a variety of different activities. Monday morning, Diane and Jim were entered in the TSD rally, and we were all concerned about whether they would still be speaking when they returned, but they went in with a good attitude and had fun.

One of the advantages of registering early on Saturday was that we were able to reserve spots to be one of the first people to test drive the new Boxster Spyder on an autocross course at the Michelin Drive and Compare. After seeing what we had signed up for, Lisa gave her spot to Todd, but Michael had so much fun that he didn't want to get out of the

car. So, we made friends with Jacque, the person in charge, who let Michael take a few extra runs in the Spyder with Cup tires, and invited us to come back on Thursday for more runs.

After Drive and Compare, Michael met up with Vu Ngyuen, Executive Director of PCA, who asked us to come watch him race at the RC cars course. During the races, we partook in the ice cream social being held at the event center right next to the races. Monday night, we went out to dinner and spent the evening exploring the picturesque riverfront areas of St. Charles.

Tuesday, the Isleys, Bellmans, and us went into Chicago for a walking tour of the Oakbrook neighborhood where Frank Lloyd Wright began his architectural career. This significant neighborhood contains a large collection of Frank Lloyd Wright homes within a 1 block radius. At the end of the walking tour, we were given the opportunity to purchase an additional tour which took you into his house and studio; we are both very pleased that we decided to take this tour because being able to see the inside of his house and studio was remarkable.

Sarah and Todd went on the Gim-mick Rally while we were in Chicago. During the rally, they passed by a winery and decided to stop and take a tour, and Sarah even convinced another couple in the rally to join them, then they stopped at a Thai Bistro for lunch which they enjoyed so much so that they wanted to go back to it for dinner. The Vollmars and us joined them, but since Jim and Diane were working the

autocross on Wednesday morning and had to be at the course, which was 30 miles away, at 6:30 a.m., they decided to stay in.

On Wednesday afternoon, Tom, Deb, Todd, Sarah and us rode the bus into Chicago. Todd and Sarah wanted to take care of some shopping while the four of us took a 90-minute architectural river cruise. It was a phenomenal tour providing us with great views and a fantastic docent who identified and provided the history of many of Chicago's famous skyscrapers. After the cruise, we met up with Todd and Sarah outside of Watertower Place. We then went to the Cheesecake Factory at the base of the Hancock Building for dinner, another one of our favorites when in Chicago.

Thursday, Todd and Sarah went home, and the Schoens and us visited the Goodie Store to snap up bargains before they closed for good. It was also day 2 of the Michelin Drive and Compare, so we were definitely going to be spending a portion of the day there. Michael was not going to miss out on another opportunity to drive the Boxster Spyder with cup tires through the autocross course, and Jim and Diane were scheduled to try it for the first time. We all even convinced Lisa to give it a try, and while she drove like a little old lady through the course the first time, on her second run, she kicked up some gravel and really enjoyed it. Later that day, she realized that she had just driven her first Porsche!!!!

While deciding what to do for dinner, everyone agreed that they wanted to just take it easy and hang

out, so we invited everyone over to our suite for a party Thursday night, and it was fun. Friday was the last official day of Parade, and while the Schoens and the Isleys participated in the 5K walk or run and then attended the Volunteer lunch, we along with the Vollmars took the bus into Chicago for the day. Jeff and Terri wanted to take Natalie on the architectural cruise we had taken Wednesday night, but when they asked the Tour Director how to get to the dock, he told them he was from St. Louis and had no idea. Luckily, Michael knows his way around Chicago and especially Michigan Avenue, so we led the Vollmars and another couple to the area where they could pick up the tour. As we were walking around downtown checking out some of our favorite stores, we heard someone yelling our names, and, when we turned around, there were Tab and Caryn. We were so surprised to see them since they weren't at Parade; they explained that they just arrived in town and were going to find the original authentic Italian Beef sandwiches, which was a few blocks from where we were.

By the time we got back to the resort, we had just enough time to get ready for the Victory Banquet. After enjoying a nice dinner with the group from MVR, we were able to spend additional time with our friends that we had met at other PCA events like Vu Nguyen, Caryn Cooper, and Paul Gregor before everyone left the next day. At the end of the Banquet, Paul got Hans-Peter to autograph the enlarged photo of us

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2010 IRAC Autocross schedule

IRAC 1 - May 22 - MOR - OSU Ackerman Road (Saturday)

IRAC 2- June 20 -NOR -Lakeland Community College

IRAC 3 - July 25 - MVR - Owens Community College

IRAC 4 - August 1- OVR - Oxford (in conjunction with P2O)

IRAC 5 - August 22 - NOR - Painesville Speedway

IRAC 6 - September 12 - MOR - Columbus Motor Speedway

Year-end awards to follow IRAC 6 Event.

NOTE: All events are Sunday events except IRAC 1 is Saturday.



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with Paul and Hans-Peter at the Welcome Party. After that, we went



back to Jim and Diane's to attend a party on their floor, unfortunately we

didn't realize the party had started until Tom and Deb stopped by the Schoen's room to say they had just left the party and were going to bed. The 4 of us then went over to the party and talked, drank, and snacked until 2:30 a.m. It turned out, we had met these guys in Dayton at the "Show and Shine" and again when we arrived at the resort and also when one of them was prepping his vehicle for Concours, which by the way, used to be his license plate.

Next year Parade will be in Savannah, GA from July 31-August 6; if you have a few free days, mark your calendar, because it is an experience we all strongly recommend.

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Trend all devoted some serious white space to this monster. The numbers are as follows: 0-60 3 seconds, 1/4 mile 11.0 seconds, 206 mph top speed, and a record setting time of 7 min. 18 second lap time at Nurburgring. This even bests the Carrera GT! This can all be had for a cool \$250k. There will only be 500 made for the final 997 generation sendoff of which approximately 125 will head to the States. Hopefully we get to see one of these rockets in our region. I hope everyone is doing well and can't wait to catch up with our members this season. Be safe and well!

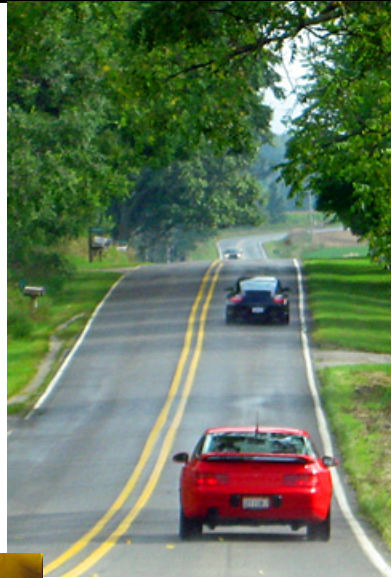
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Where is Das Flughafen?

By *Deb Isley*

Photos by *Stewart Free, RSR-PCA*
and *Tom Isley*

Where is The Chateau Aeronautique Winery? Tom and I asked that same question and we guessed that loosely translated it meant a winery that might be an old airport hanger containing a few dusty old planes. That was enough to perk our interest, so off we drove to Ann Arbor on Sat., Aug. 21st to the starting point of the drive. When we arrived, many friendly Porsche enthusiasts from the



rain! We drove past Pleasant Lake, wetlands, stopped in Manchester where the local bakery stayed open just for us. Nice leg stretch! We continued north to Chelsea and west past the Waterloo State Recreation Area then north of Jackson to the winery where the rain had stopped and the sun was shining.

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Rally Sport Region greeted us. Al and Clare Utter were the tour leaders and they set the tone of the drive with "...if you choose to accept this mission..." and directions, Where is Das Flughafen? We went south and shortly turned westward driving through farmland and gently rolling hills on quite a few twisty roads. We had the chance to follow the tour leaders in their black 911 Carrera, what a nice looking car even in the



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2 seat airplane

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This was not just any winery but one that is located on a private air strip where the homes each have a hangar facing the grassy runway! Some of the Porsches were parked among some of the planes for a perfect photo op. A 1939 plane joined our group and we learned that the last flight was on Pearl Harbor Day in Pearl Harbor until it was brought to Jackson, MI in 2000. The winery is

located in a converted hangar and was started a few years ago with current production about 1000 cases. We enjoyed the great Porsche camaraderie of Rally Sport Region, a scrumptious meal, and nice wine to taste and drink. Our thanks to Al & Clare, for a wonderful tour, and the Rally Sport Region members we met who made this an enjoyable event for us!



The Rally Sport Group with the Isley's at the Winery
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....the Checkered Flag!



Yes the newsletter is a little late this month. Problems all around in getting input.

Thanks to Lisa and Michael for the great article about their trip to Parade. If you do not want to go after reading about how much fun they had I do not know what will get you to Parade. Thanks also to Deb for providing a story about our tour with the Rally Sport Region. This is another great bunch of Porsche owners.



Coming up in the next few months are some of our best events. First is the party at the Vollmar's to be preceded with entertainment and snacks. Next is the DE at Mid-Ohio at the end of October. Let Jeff know if you will be attending either of these events.

The last event to mention is our holiday party to be held at the Glass Pavilion of the Toledo Museum of Art. I have seen the menu and the proposed tours and demonstrations and am really excited about this event. Deb and I have checked out several events at the Glass Pavilion and they were great. You do not want to miss this one! Be sure to watch your mail box for the official invitation.

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

.....the editor

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- 9 Business Meeting
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