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Photo by Deb Isley

Vorschall!

Looking Ahead!

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The Open Road



Deb and Pete MacDonald have provided us with a review of their trip to P2O. They have been making regular trips to central Ohio for this annual gathering of Porsches. It is an

amazing show of Porsches.

The summer driving season is coming to an end. There are several fall tours that nearby regions have scheduled. The fall color tour on October 11 by Rally Sport Region is always a good tour. Check it out on their web site for more information. Don't forget to check the other regions event listed in our Zone representatives article on page 16.

Upcoming events that you do not want to miss include the guided tour of the Toledo Museum of Art. Suzanne Jennens and I are planning an engaging tour that will be followed by dinner at Forresters on the River. This great event will be on October 4. Be sure to sign up early, as there is limited space.



Our planning for next years season of events is going to be kicked off on October 18 at the Valentines. This will be chance to make suggestions for events or to volunteer to host and event. If you are unable to make the meeting, let Beth Stewart know so it will get included in the planning for next year.

We have a new advertiser joining us this month. Tireman Auto Centers on Illinois Ave. sells tires and provides alignment services for all makes of cars. Next time you are near by, stop in and check them out. Don't forget to thank them for supporting MVR.

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

.....the editor

From The Podium

By Diane Schoen



It is hard to believe that Monday evening, Labor Day Weekend has come and gone, and with that an end to the summer of 2014.

I had a great Holiday weekend and hope you all did as well. Mine was spent with my family at my parents' cottage near Hillsdale Michigan. Both of my parents, my two brothers, sister-in-law, along with my niece & nephew were there, it was a great weekend! We did a lot on the water, our last hoo-rah before the boat and jet skis get put away for the wintertime. The evenings were spent playing corn hole, scrabble & enjoying each other's company along with a beer or two! It was a very relaxing, fun filled weekend.

Where was Jim you ask? In his own little part of heaven! Labor Day weekend is also Auburn Indiana's annual car auction. Jim goes every year, rain or shine. I've been there with him many times over the past 12 years, but

this is something he really enjoys being on his own. This way he gets to look at whatever car he wants, for as long as he wants and I'm not bugging him to move on! Jim drove back & forth so I did get to see him each evening. It's my understanding he saw some fellow MVR Porsche Club Members; Jerry and Karen Hergenreder, and Craig Griffiths were out enjoying the auction too. No autograph was obtained, but Jim saw Frank from American Pickers (Antique Archeology on the history channel). That would've been cool to meet him!

Summer might be just about over but we are not finished with driving our Porsche's as long as the weather will allow. So, I hope to see many of you at the Bowling Green Golf Scramble & dinner Sept 13th. October holds the Art Museum Tour with dinner to follow at Forrester's and please plan on attending the planning party this Oct 18th at Mike & Laura Valentines!!

See you all soon!

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

Porsches to Oxford

Story and pictures By Pete and Deb MacDonald



July 25th -27th

<http://p2o.morpca.org/>

Once again, for the 10th year in a row, Deb and I drove to one of our Favorite Porsche events: P2O. Again this year we stayed at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark Ohio Friday night. The weather was beautiful this year (it rained all day last year) and we had the top down all the way to Granville. The Boxster ran great and I averaged about 30 mpg on the road!

Once again on Friday night, Byers Porsche of Columbus hosted a P2O welcome party, FREE appetizers and drinks.

Saturday morning was beautiful! Deb and I woke up early and went down to breakfast about 7 or so and already the Porsches were streaming out of the parking lot heading to Granville. Parking for the event opened at 6:30Am. Registration opened at 7:30 and was extremely well organized. We arrived in town about 8:20 and there were already hundreds of Porsches parked on Broad-

way. Once again we were ushered to the far, far end of the street but were still close to all the action. We spent most of the day looking at cars, taking pictures, talking to other Porsche owners and, of course, buying stuff. Deb and I walked around looking for Maumee Valley window stickers but with more than 350 cars...there is a link on YouTube with videos of all the cars: Porsches to Ohio 2014.

Granville is a very nice place to have the event, food all around us. The Major Sponsors were Byers Imports, Performance Auto Spa (with all the Griot's Garage stuff), Stoddard, and Forgeline Motorsports. Vendors, memorabilia sales, photographers, detailing demonstrations and car insurance salesmen were all well represented. The MORPCA trailer was selling tee shirts, hats etc...

Well over 300, close to 400 Porsches lined Broadway. Graham Rahal brought his White 2005 Carrera GT and a racing 911. At around 3:00 the award ceremo-

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ny started and three different 356's won the People's Choice awards. Sunday, for those who stayed over, a drive through the hills of southern Ohio was available.

We took off about 3:30 and headed down to Portsmouth Ohio to visit friends. Portsmouth was once a great steel town and also had one of the largest shoe manufacturing plants in the country. Now, the industry is gone and the city's history is painted on murals all along the river wall. If you Google 'Portsmouth Ohio River Wall' you'll get to see the fantastic murals.

The Boxster is made for driving "top down" and 80 degrees out on the winding and hilly roads in southern Ohio, Great car, great roads. We had dinner at the White Lake Club restaurant in Waverly, Ohio overlooking the beautiful White Lake. State Route 104 follows the Scioto River all the way to

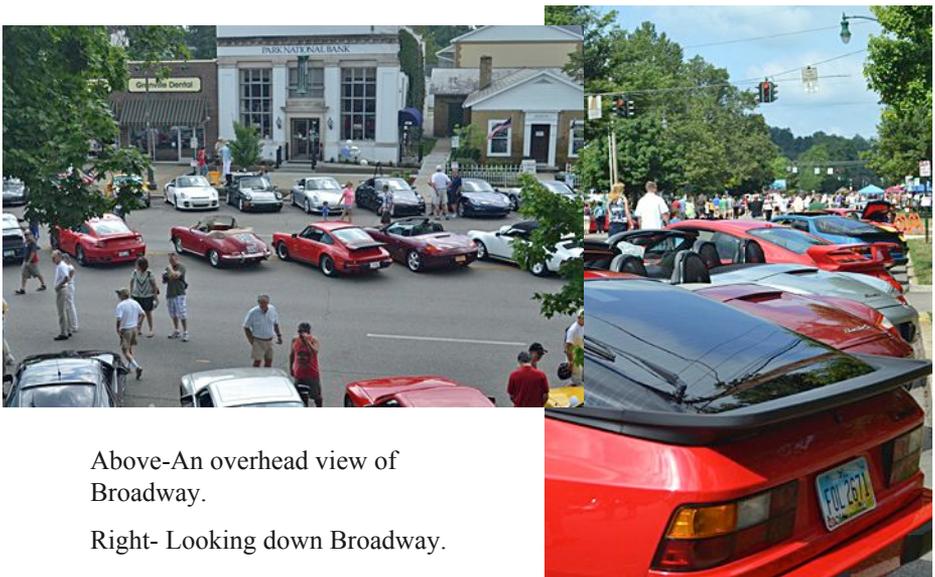
Portsmouth. It's hard to believe that there are hills in Ohio (not just over-passes) with great driving roads.

Once again, Sunday, on the way home we stopped at Mom Wilson's on Rt. 23 near Delaware, Ohio and loaded up with bulk fresh sausage and snacks.

If you haven't been to P2O, you should put it on your calendar for next year. It's always around the 25-26th of July. Also, Oxford, Ohio is having a Red Brick reunion for Porsches in June. We couldn't make it this year, however, we will in 2015. Oxford wants the Porsche people and cars back. Next year it's June 16th. Deb and I are already signed up for it.

If you come across an Arctic Silver Boxster with a rear luggage rack, stop and say "hello" that's mine. Until next time: keep the blink alive.

Pete & Deb MacDonald



Above-An overhead view of Broadway.

Right- Looking down Broadway.

MAUMEE VALLEY PCA OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENT Saturday, October 4, 2014

Toledo Art Museum Tour and Dinner at Forrester's On the River.

We will meet at 2:30 in the Herrick Lobby inside the Grove Place entrance to the Toledo Museum of Art.

Parking is located in the back of the Art Museum for \$5.00.



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September 2014 - Club
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Nirakar Thakur	32 Years
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	143
Affiliate Members	115
Total Members	258

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

Starting at 4:30pm

Planning for 2015 Social Events and Dinners

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Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

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

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NOVEMBER

- 9 #Cars and Coffee
- 15 Monte Carlo Night at
Mierzwiak's

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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Technical Q and A

By PCA Technical Committee

Possible Alternator / Regulator Issue?

1987 944S

Mileage: 47 900

Question: I am noticing the voltage gauge dips when the AC cycles and sometimes I hear a "whistle or wine". Is this a possible alternator or regulator issue or is this normal? Still has OEM alternator installed from 1987. Thanks

Answer: Bill Burriss [GPX]

The situation you're describing is normal operation. The air conditioning compressor isn't so much a draw on the electrical system as it is on the engine in general. What you're hearing is a combination of factors stemming from the compressor load - starting with a dip in engine RPM that is compensated by the idle air valve that opens up to increase idle RPM (and likely the source of the whistle you're hearing).

In the end, the alternators Porsche equipped 944s with back in '87 are very stout 110 amp units strong enough to power a small house. As long as your battery stays fresh, your charging system is performing just fine.

Timing Chain Replacement

2000 911 Carrera

Mileage: 92 000

Question: Well I must ask this question cause I know you can do it on the air cooled machines. Can you change the timing chains and rails in the M96 3.4L engine without taking the entire case apart? If so is it something that one should investigate in doing before 200k miles. I know that my engine does have all roller chains instead of the newer style gear chain on the crank to IMS. I ask because of past experience around air cooled but also that fact that Honda made a false statement when they said the timing chain in my 07 Civic coupe 5 speed would last the life of the vehicle. I went to set the valves on it at 200k miles and lifted the cam chain off the sprocket and set it back down. NOT COOL AT ALL! Tensioner had run out of travel cause the rails wore down. After that happens the chain starts to slide up and down on the gear teeth. BAD DEAL! Anyway any info would be appreciated.

Answer: Joel Reiser [UCR]

On your 3.4L motor, there are a few more chains than you had on your aircooled 911. I guess anything is possible, but you may want to do a full rebuild on general principle. This was not one of Porsche's most accomplished engine designs for reliability, and we know you can't race them. You sound like you want to do it yourself. If so, I highly recommend taking an M96 engine rebuild class such as you

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can take from Jake Raby / Flat Six Innovations. Don't try without it. And you will need a drawer full of special tools. Wear on the cam chain rails is the least of your concerns. The ones I've seen all had metal particles embedded throughout the plastic contact areas. We did retrofit a 3.4L top end to a 3.6L bottom end and used replaceable chain links to do so without splitting the case.

How long will a 996 battery last? How long will a 996 battery last?

2003 911 Carrera Cabriolet

Mileage: 31 000

Question: I keep my battery connected to a trickle charger in the winter, but it recently died. I replaced the alternator 2 years ago, but the battery is 5+ years old. Should 996 batteries be replaced after a certain amount of time as part of regular maintenance?

Answer: Joel Reiser [UCR]

You may have noticed that most car batteries come with a 4- or 5-year limited warranty. Guess what the mean time before failure is? About 5.5 to 6 years. You are right on schedule for a new battery. I like the Interstate batteries if you can get them, otherwise a Sears DieHard is still a good option. The US-market batteries still seem better than the originals.

Lifter Noise?

2002 911 Carrera

Mileage: 111 000

Question: I have a constant and regular ticking noise most notable at idle but can also be heard in low RPMS in 1st and 2nd gear. Heard when windows down or door is open but if air/radio is off I can even hear it faintly from inside. Can be heard from both sides but I've been unable to isolate it to one area. From what I've gleaned on reading hundreds of posts, could be a lifter noise? Also I see no evidence of water pump replacements either. Plan to take it to indy mechanic a.s.a.p. I'm running 15w50 oil as per the recommendation of the previous owner, and the oil has been consistently changed on an annual basis. Weather is hot here (90 to 100F every day). If it is lifters, what can I expect for replacement costs? Can they be changed out on a problematic basis or is it necessary to do each bank at a time? Cause possible other problems down the road? Thanks for your time.

Answer: Joel Reiser [UCR]

We have changed out one bank of lifters in the car. It wouldn't be too bad if you could rotate the car up on its side, but otherwise its a really tough job. The lifter cradles are a wear item as well. I can't begin to guess at cost without seeing the car, pulling off the cambox, and asking a lot of questions about maintenance history. You may find that thinner oil would help, the factory does NOT approve of 15-50 for street use with this engine. 10-40 is preferred. The 15-50 is too thick and can cause problems with the tiny little orifices in the lifters and VarioCam tensioners.

Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

As I have been logging many miles visiting a number of regions, I continue to be impressed everywhere I travel throughout the zone.

In the past few weeks

I have travelled extensively. I was invited to Tire Rack's exceptional facility located in the Michiana region. After a full day, a few of the region officers took me to an authentic Austrian restaurant for dinner complete with lederhosen and schnitzel. I attended Allegheny region's biggest event of the year - The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, which is 1 of only 2 vintage races that occur on public streets in the world, the other being in Monaco. It was a multi-day event that included a kick-off party for visitors from out of town, an international car show, catered meals and some great prizes. Sunday's beautiful weather brought out record attendance with nearly 150 Porsches in the corral. I travelled to Indianapolis for the 2nd Porscheplatz in our zone, which was being held in conjunction with the Brickyard Grand Prix. PCA members from several regions were treated to a day full of exciting races in a beautiful hospitality suite at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Featured was a discussion with the Porsche Factory and Team Falken drivers moderated by Fox Sports' Bob Varsha. In addition, attendees were provided a delicious catered lunch courtesy of Tom Wood Porsche. I

would like to thank them for their generous contribution. The Porsche car corral contained a nice variety of models. I also attended the Zone 4 Car Corral at the Concours d'Elegance of America at St. John's. This is one of the country's best Concours events featuring a world class exhibition of classic, rare, and magnificent automobiles. It was great to have the opportunity to hold our own Zone 4 Concours on the site of such a prestigious event. A great deal of hard work goes into making these events the successes they are, and to all of the volunteers I want you to know that your efforts are not going unnoticed.

One of the goals I set out at the Presidents' Meeting in March was to have Zone 4 regions begin to join forces and work together in order to provide even more opportunities for everyone to be able to enjoy our favorite cars. The hospitality and camaraderie displayed at these events confirms that we are on the right track. As I attend each event, it has been very rewarding to meet members from a variety of regions from throughout the zone.

As we continue to enjoy our very busy driving season, there are a number of wonderful events being offered throughout the Zone. Please remember to check your region newsletters, websites, and emails as well as the Zone 4 website for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will expand your horizons and travel to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4.

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Please consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- September 5-7, Allegheny Region is holding a DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- Michiana Region has 3 events in a row: Porsches to GOshen, Canal Days, and an Autocross at TireRack Sept. 5,6, and 7
- CIR's Columbus, IN weekend is September 5 and 6
- September 10 is Rally Sport Region's Monthly Club Meeting at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth, MI
- Mid-Ohio Region is hosting a Club Race and DE at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Sept. 12-14
- September 13 is Northern Ohio Region's Clam Bake

- Western Michigan Region's Grand Prix of Grattan DE is September 13 and 14.
- Join Southeast Michigan Region as they celebrate Dr. Ferry Porsche's Birthday on Sept 14 with their annual Drive Your Porsche Event
- September 20 is Ohio Valley Region's Bourbon Trail with Tour of Woodford Reserve
- Motor-Stadt Region's Porsche People and Pizza at Spagnolo's is September 25

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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Tee Time 2:30
Dinner 5:00**

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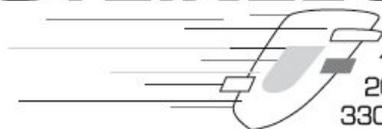
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