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**Photo on cover:** The end of the day  
at The Pitts Rod and Gun Club

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## The Open Road

Where has the summer gone. It seems like yesterday that the cars were coming out of hibernation and getting ready for a season of driving. Here it is the end of the summer and time to start thinking of tucking them away for the winter. If you are thinking of putting the cars away, don't do it just yet because there is still one more driving event left. October 22nd will be a color tour to the Irish Hills that will be led by Barney Stewart.

Last month Jeff and Staci Fort, and Ruth Gulliford put together a tour to Findlay and a picnic at the Pitts Rod and Gun Club. Although it was advertised as a driving tour, it was actually more than that with the historical information put together by Jeff. We had several stops along the way where Jeff pointed out the historical importance of that location. The information was both entertaining and informative. See page 7 for Jeff's report on the tour.

Barney Stewart, Bob Cryan, and Jeff Fort have been working on updating the regions bylaws. The bylaws were reviewed at the last board meeting and after some minor updates will be ready for the membership to vote on. This vote will take place at the November planning meeting at the Schoen's.

Remember that you can always find up to date information on the Region and the upcoming events by checking the Region web page at [mvr.pca.org](http://mvr.pca.org).



One final note is a reminder that the club is "fueled by volunteers." We are always looking for help in planning or staging our events. If you can support in any way, let Barney or one of the other officers know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

.....the editor

## From The Left Lane

*By Barney Stewart*

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Hello MVR;

I think we all would agree, we've been blessed with numerous beautiful days this summer. That was certainly the case on Saturday August 12th, for our Drive Tour from Providence Park Grand Rapids Ohio, to The Pits Rod & Gun Club in Findlay Ohio. We had 20 cars and 40+ members turn out for the drive and German style picnic. Jeff Fort, our tour leader and history buff extraordinaire, pointed out where key historic events took place, along our route. Jeff handed out a full 16 page overview, to each car entered; it spoke of the battles, war strategies, and of the significance the rivers played in the struggle to control the Northwest Ohio region. Upon arrival at The Pits Rod & Gun Club, Ruth Gulliford and Staci Fort greeted us with a German style picnic, complete with Knockwurst and German Potato salad, very tasty. It's easy to see the extra effort our hosts provided, to insure this drive tour and picnic would be enjoyed by all. A big MVR thank you to, Ruth, Staci and Jeff!

What comes to mind for you when someone mentions a Vintage Grand Prix? Many folks envision a group of stately older gentlemen, piloting their precious Triumphs, Jaguars, Beamers, Mercedes and Porsches through a park like setting at somewhere around five tenths, ever mindful not to get any closer to another driver, than a couple of car lengths. Well it ain't so! The part

about precious possessions is pretty accurate, but the conservative five tenths needs to be bumped up just a bit, like up to a full ten tenths. Having visited the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix this summer, I can assure you these racers have the throttle down most of the time. This was the 35th anniversary of the PVGP, and it was held at Pittsburgh's Schenley Park. The Grand Prix features separate car corrals for the dozens of marquees present, and draws thousands of visitors to this annual 3 day event. The highlight for me was watching 2, very quick, 914/6's duke it out lap after lap. If you are interested, the 2018 edition will be held in July of next year.

Next up on the social calendar is our annual Fall Color Tour. This year we will be touring Michigan's Irish Hills area on Sunday October 22nd. The plan is to take a leisurely drive passing by a few of Southeast Michigan's many resort lakes. See the ad in this edition of our newsletter, for details. This will be the last driving event of the year, so plan on joining your MVR brothers and sisters on this scenic drive.

Take care,

Barney.

## Findlay Tour and Picnic

by Jeff Fort



Jeff and Staci Fort, and Ruth Gulliford hosted a tour in August, which Jeff billed as a history tour -- actually, "the more than you

ever wanted to know history tour." We started at Grand Rapids, Ohio, and due to a closed bridge there, went up the river to cross it. Then we worked our way east towards Fremont. The Portage River drive, usually fun, fell in behind an 18-wheeler. We stopped at an unusual place, Harrison's Rock. There is a large flat rock in the middle of nowhere that was used by William Henry Harrison and his staff for meals and conferences during the War of 1812. We also had a geology lesson by Alan Kinker who explained how the rock came to be deposited there by the glaciers.

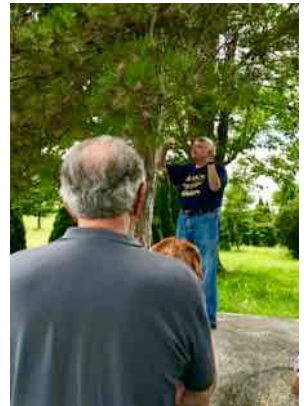
Thus educated, the tour continued east toward Fremont, formerly known as Lower Sandusky. Passing Rutherford B. Hayes' home and library in Fremont, Spiegel Grove, we stopped at the public library located on the site of Fort Shephenson, which is still guarded by its lone cannon, Old Betsy, and where Major George Croghan won

the seminal battle with the British and Indians.

The tour then proceeded up the Sandusky River through the town of Old Fort where William Henry Harrison maintained his headquarters during the War of 1812. Further up the river on Harrison Trail we arrived at Tiffin, the site of Fort Ball. There prudence dictated cutting the tour short and we went west to the Pits Rod and Gun Club in Findlay.

Ruth and Staci greeted all with a remarkable German dinner as only Ruth can do. Some of the tour members got in some target practice on the pistol range while all enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Porsche drivers.

Alan Kinker giving the geology lesson



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Staci and Ruth setting out the spread for the picnic



Cheryl and Jim Wilson



Vickie Steiner and Steve Williams



Jeanne and Chris Krauser and friend



Catherine Smiley, Beth Stewart,  
Sarah Mierzwiak, Yvonne  
Burlingame, Charlotte Chapman,  
and Laila Zenil Relax after the drive

Photos by Jeanne  
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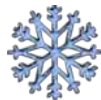


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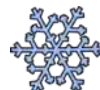
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**Our starting point will be:**

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(Meet in large lot behind restaurant)

**\*\*\*Departure will be at 1:00 pm so arrive no later than 12:45 to check in\*\*\***

There will be two rest stops, one just over an hour into our drive, and a second stop about 40 minutes later. Complete route information will be passed out before departure on the day of the event.

**A Tech Quiz will be held at our dinner location:**

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September 2017 - Club  
Member Anniversaries

Jack and Sheryl Bushmeyer	44 Years
Nirakar and Tara Thakur	35 Years
James O'Connell and Sherry Bruewer	30 Years
John and Suzanne Jennens	24 Years
Douglas Crocker	18 Years
Allen Schall	14 Years
Anthony Calabrese and Allison Reny	8 Years
Michael and Laura Valentine	6 Years
Mary and Peter Koury	5 Years
Kenneth and Ann Wise	5 Years
Michael Gilley	3 Years
Mark and Sue Bernhardt	3 Years
Dave and Evie Zimmerman	3 Years
Adam and Carie Cufu	2 Years



New Members

Bryan Luna of Lima  
Driving a Blue 2008 911 Carrera S

Gregory Armstrong

Maumee Valley Region  
Membership:

Primary Members	157
Affiliate Members	108
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Check our web site at [www.mvr.pca.org](http://www.mvr.pca.org) for the latest event information.

### SEPTEMBER

- #10 Cars and Coffee
- 16 Party at Valentine's
- 20-24 PCA Treffen Asheville, NC

### OCTOBER

- #8 Cars and Coffee
- 22 **Color Tour to Irish Hills**

### NOVEMBER

- 11 2018 Planning meeting at Schoen's
- #12 Cars and Coffee

### DECEMBER

- 1 Holiday Party (MVR 45th Anniversary)

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 7PM (Dates TBD).

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## Technical Q and A

*By PCA Technical Committee*

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Taken from PCA Tech Q&A

Edited and Compiled by Mike Valentine

### **One Rear Turn Signal Not Working – 1990 944 S2**

**Question:** The right rear turn signal/flasher isn't working. The front works but not the rear. Every other light in the right rear works. The parking light works on the right rear when the ignition is off and the turn signal stalk is moved to the right. The relay works (I tried a new one with no better result). The voltmeter shows less than 1 volt at the connector. Other than having 1 wire pinched or shorted somewhere, I'm stumped. Anything else to try before touching the wiring harness?

**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. Since your other turn signals and the hazard lights (except for the right rear) work, then you have an issue with wiring between the fuse box and the socket for the right rear turn signal bulb. You should probe for voltage at both sides of each connection and at the fuse for that bulb (I believe it to be fuse 33) and correct the problem with the connection (probably some corrosion causing high resistance and dropping the voltage.)

### **New Top – 2001 Boxster S**

**Question:** To avoid the top of the engine access problems that Frank M is experiencing, should I be specific and order a new top for a 2003 Boxster. Will a 2003 top with a glass window fit my 2001 car and allow complete access to the top of the engine. From what I have read I need atop with 4 bows.

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. The convertible top assembly (frame and canvas) from a 2003 or 2004 Boxster will physically fit any 986 from 1997 through 2002 but it is not plug and play. There needs to be some mods done to a couple of micro switches.

A new assembly from the dealer will probably cost more than a complete car from '03/'04 but if you are lucky, you may find a used assembly from one of the Dismantlers. The '03/'04 assemblies are the most sought after so, good luck. Happy Porsche'ing,

### **Front Strut Insert Recommendation – 1986 944**

**Question:** Need to replace front struts that are Fichtel-Sachs. Would like to install inserts. Fichtel-Sachs doesn't exist anymore. What type of inserts should I install? Sach? Sach-Boge?

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**Answer:** Submitted by George Beuselin. My personal preference is for Koni and Bilstein shocks/struts/inserts. Buy them from a reputable dealer and you will always have the recourse of a lifetime warranty.

### **Oil Level Indicator Stopped Working Properly – 2005 Boxster S**

**Question:** I had my car in to the dealer for an oil change several weeks ago and have driven it probably less than 100 miles since. When I left the dealership, the bars on the oil level indicator were at the top of the arrow.

Two days ago, the bars started to disappear each time I did a normal check by turning the key and watching the indicator count down for several seconds until a reading was shown. Yesterday, the bars were at the lowest acceptable level at the bottom arrow. I added a small amount of oil and the reading went up one bar above the bottom arrow. It is still at that level today. In all the years, I have owned this car, the oil level has always been at the top arrow (and sometimes higher than that if it was likely overfilled).

I do not have the flashing on the screen that indicates the sending unit may be broken. I have no smoking from the tailpipe other than the usual puff that is normal on startup after the car has sat a while. I have no oil on the garage floor. The engine sounds fine and seems to run fine. I am stumped by all of this.

Is it possible that some code had to be reset at the dealership once the oil was changed? When I had the oil service done, I also had the dealership reset codes for heated seats, garage door opener and proper spoiler functioning. These were all functions that I had lost some time earlier when I let the battery run down. When I left the dealership and got home, I later checked the heated seats and they were still not working. So, I called the dealer and arranged to bring the car back a few days later, but when I checked the heated seats 48 hours later, they were suddenly working so I never kept the second dealer appointment.

Any advice would be appreciated. I can't seem to find anything online where others have had the same problem.

**Answer:** Submitted by Pedro Bonilla. If you measured the oil initially when the car was hot (at the dealer) and saw full bars and then measured with engine cold and saw a lower level, it's just due to heat expansion. It was probably underfilled a bit. Fill it up to one bar from the top and always read the volume either hot or cold. Happy Porsche'ing

## Around the Zone

*By Michael Soriano, Zone 4 Representative*

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Greetings PCA  
Zone 4 Members,

I have been to  
many Parades  
since joining PCA,  
and they are  
always event filled  
weeks with more  
activities to attend  
than time. This

year was no different. Parade is a week-long gathering that has something for everyone, with competitive and non-competitive events. The competitive events include a concours, TSD and gimmick rallies, and an autocross. There is also a tech quiz, art show, and 5K run. Among the non-competitive events are organized and self-guided tours, seminars, wine and beer tastings, and an ice cream social. In the evenings, there are dinners and banquets.

The 62nd Annual Parade was held in Spokane, WA from July 9 - 15. It was the largest and most entertaining ever with 2500 attendees. As a Zone Representative, I arrived on Friday to attend a number of meetings scheduled through Sunday evening and had additional meetings throughout the week. On many mornings I woke up before 5 a.m. and was in meetings until 6 p.m. The week officially began with the Pirelli Welcome Party on Sunday. During the party, Porsche Cars North America President and CEO Klaus Zellmer addressed the crowd

and introduced us to the new GT3, which debuted in Geneva.

This year I was even busier than in previous years, as I performed double duty; being mentored by the National Awards Chair at the beginning of the week and taking over the responsibilities during the course of the week. On Monday, I once again served as a Concours Judge; this year judging 2 classes. I am proud to have played a role in the first ever on field awards presentation. The new format allowed many of the first place winners to drive up, accept their awards, and be interviewed. The ceremony was broadcast on Facebook Live.

On Thursday, I was able to participate in a 5 mile walking tour of Spokane along the scenic Centennial Trail that included a tour of a distillery owned by a local PCA member. Thursday evening, we hosted the Zone 4 Party, which was held in a private dining room at Table 13, an upscale and contemporary Restaurant. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. PCNA club liaison Paul Gregor attended and we were able to present him with an award of gratitude on behalf of Zone 4, before he returned to Stuttgart. I would like to thank Bruce Schwartz and Stoddard Authentic Parts for their generous support in sponsoring the Zone 4 Party. Their

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contribution allowed us to be one of only three zones that hosted a party this year, which was greatly appreciated by those who attended and envied by other zones.

Friday morning, I attended Tech Tactics, formerly known as Tech Academy, listening to a number of lectures presented by PCNA Product Manager Andrew Lennon, and another on buying and selling Porsches. I spent the remainder of Friday working on the Michelin Autocross Banquet, which was held that evening. Saturday began with an early morning meeting, immediately followed by the Volunteer Lunch. After lunch I began to get things in order for the Victory Banquet. Saturday evening, after all of the awards were announced and distributed, videos were shown introducing us to the sites of the next 2 Parades. Next year's Parade will be held in Osage Beach, Missouri July 8-15, 2018, and the location for the 2019 Parade is Boca Raton, FL. If you have ever considered attending a Parade, here are 2 great opportunities relatively close by. Hope to see you there!

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's website and newsletter, as well as the Zone 4 website <http://zone4.pca.org> for the most up to date list of events available to you. I hope you will consider travelling to some of the outstanding events being held throughout Zone 4; such as:

- September 7 is Motor-Stadt Region's Road through Hell Dinner Drive II
- Allegheny Region's DE at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course is September 8-10
- September 9 is Michiana Region's Autocross at TireRack in South Bend
- Join Western Michigan Region for their Grand Prix at Grattan September 9-10
- September 10 is Eastern Buckeye Region's Autocross at Kent Trumbull
- Southeast Michigan Region's Ladies Night Out is September 15
- September 15-17 is Mid-Ohio Region's DE at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course
- Maumee Valley Region's September House Party is September 16
- September 16-17 is Central Indiana Region's Columbus, IN Architectural Tour Weekend
- Ohio Valley Region's Dayton Concours d'Elegance is September 17
- September 19 is Rally Sport Region's Waterford Hills Track Day
- Northern Ohio Region's DE at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Course is September 29 – October 1

I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you as I visit each region throughout the year. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com](mailto:MSoriano.ZoneRep@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
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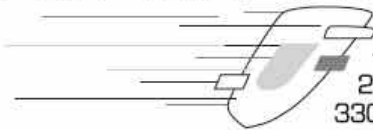
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Built to NASA GTS 1 specs. Motor built by Steinel's Autoworks, New Clutch, Weltmeister bars, springs & strut brace, Koni Shocks, Wilwood Calipers, Kirk Racing 1.75" DOM weld in cage, MOMO Seat /brace, G-Force 5-point harness & window net, 2 sets of 7" cookie cutter rims w/Kuhmo V710 , 225/50/15 tires (2 sticker tires never mounted), AMB Transponder and much more. Retired from racing in 2007, used it for a few driving events, now need to sell it to make room in the shop. \$5,000.00 firm. Video on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/YuSg6h5FxVg>

Rich Brown, (734) 807-0028. Email [rsbrown@bex.net](mailto:rsbrown@bex.net)

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**For Sale: Michelin Sport Cup 2 tires.**

Fronts are 245/35ZR20. Rears are 305/30ZR20. Less than 1 year old. Asking \$500 for set.

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**For Sale 1962 Porsche 356 B coupe**

Body # 210415 slate gray # 6201 original 1600s 75 hp #702187 npr big bore pistons & cylinders. Original gearbox # 54914 new gaskets seals, solid axle boots, clutch pressure, through out bearing, and mounts. New brakes, brakelines, dual master, new wheel cylinders, new fuel tank new fuel sender, new shocks, battery new tires, wheels, hubcaps, reconditioned gauges – quartz clock. New chrome, moldings, rubber seals. New red autos international interior, German carpet, rechromed seat recliners, restored steering wheel, deluxe ring

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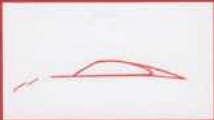


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