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**Vorschall!**

*Looking Ahead!*

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## From The Podium

By Diane Schoen



Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone's Holiday Season has been going well thus far. Jim and I celebrated with friends and family, from Christmas all the way

to New Years Eve! We rang in 2014 with a group of awesome friends and we are looking forward to what I hope is a wonderful year!

We have been having some very strange weather this winter season. The only snowstorm we had in 2013 left us without a mailbox after the snowplow took it out! (for the second time in 2 years). The following week we hit 45 degrees and I was able to have the Cayenne washed to remove the salt. Jim also took advantage of the nice weather. He changed the Cayenne's oil and put her winter tires on just in case it snows yet again. Gotta love global warming!

With the New Year comes many changes. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Zone 4 representative, Michael Soriano. I know you will represent MVR and the other regions of Zone 4 well in your new position. And with that we bid goodbye to Ron Carr, who has done a wonderful job these last three years as our Zone 4 Rep. Thanks Ron, and congrats to you Michael!

January holds several events for us to get together. Upcoming is our very first MVR 2014 social event. It will be held at Loma Linda's Mexican Restaurant, Thursday,

January 16th, at 6pm out on Airport Hwy. Please RSVP, to Beth Stewart at [Beth's.mvrpca@bex.net](mailto:Beth's.mvrpca@bex.net). Hope you all can join us for Margaritas, chips and salsa!

That same weekend is the Detroit Auto Show, January 17-19, 2014. PCNA is once again offering their exclusive preview for Porsche club members of Zone 4. I hope many of you can join MVR and other Zone 4 members on a trip to the North American International Auto Show at the Cobo Hall Conference and Exhibition Center in Detroit Michigan on Saturday, January 18, 2014. Space is limited to 130 people, so be sure to register between January 6-13, 2014.

This month I will be joining Beth Stewart and her social committee for a little pre-planning party brainstorming. We are hoping to make the planning party go very smoothly with some new ideas and fun events for us all to join in on. And that brings us to our Annual Planning Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Reminder once again, this will be at a new location. Jerry and Karen Hergenreder have graciously offered their home to us at 7795 South Branch in Monclova. Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert and a folding chair. RSVP to Beth Stewart at [beths.mvrpca@bex.net](mailto:beths.mvrpca@bex.net) if you will be able to join us.

Happy New Year

See Ya Soon! "blink, blink"

Diane Schoen

## I Hereby Resolve

By Dick Badler

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Do New Year's Resolutions really matter? Interesting question. They certainly don't, if we don't keep them. So the important thing is to make commitments that we will live by. Resolutions that frame who we are, what we believe in, what we're going to do. Otherwise, they're just words on a page... or in the ether.

That said, as the years go by, it does get harder to write a list. I think it has something to do with our cumulative list of promises kept... and not kept. But I don't care. I need the focus, and I'm forging ahead. Here goes, the resolutions for 2014 that I will live up to or... or what? Whatever.

— I resolve to not diss Porsche for usury in their pricing of options.

Is Porsche worse than, say, Apple? The reality is they have developed product differentiation and imagery to a level that is so immutable that otherwise normal people, usually sane and rational, knowing full well that they're being ripped off, big time, are still willing to pay with a smile. So, more power to Porsche. If it were an easy feat to achieve, everyone would do it. And, I assure you, everyone would like to.

This reminds me of the Humphrey Bogart quote. At the height of his fame, an interviewer asked him how he could justify an unheard-of fee of \$1 million per picture, which was in real dollars, what, 10 times, maybe 50 times, what it is today. And he answered, "Because I can get it."

— I resolve to not see another film about racing for another five years, at least.

Because there won't be any. As much as

we may have liked "Rush," if only for the racing footage, the fact is that the film zipped in and caromed out, after only a few weekends at the local multiplex. It may have done better overseas, where the populace actually has an interest in the sport, and knows who the protagonists were. It may have even made money, all in, although we know that Hollywood is notorious for creative accounting to make a point.

It doesn't matter. The fact is that, at least in this country, Formula 1 is still a fringe sport, followed rabidly by a minority that isn't even that vocal. Here's an analogy. The joke about NHL hockey is that there are 20,000 Ranger fans in New York City. And they go to every game.

At least Formula 1 has company in this country. America's Cup sailing. Rugby. Cricket. Soccer. Wait a minute, Soccer? Yeah, it belongs on the list. It's been the next sport in this country for at least 20 years now. Or 30. Anybody remember the old NY Cosmos?

— By the same token, I resolve to not criticize Formula 1 telecasts for being lifeless, somnolent and self-absorbed to the point of arcane irrelevance. No I won't.

Instead, I'll just plan accordingly. I'll pile up the Sunday newspapers, next to my remote control, beside my comfy chair. I'll prepare a piping hot cup of joe, dig into a few scrambled eggs. Sit back. Turn the volume down and try to guess the circuit the circus is visiting that week and... during the lulls between on-track passes, I'll educate myself on the ways of the world.

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I'll have plenty of time.

And this will help; after breakfast I'll hoist my fully-priced Macbook Air on my lap and call up YouTube videos of in-car hot laps, brazen bike vs. exotic banzai runs, multi-car pile-ups, the sight and sound of racing engines firing up.

— I resolve to not buy a manu-matic gearbox car this year.

This one is easy. I'm not planning to buy a car this year, period. Now, if I was, this resolution probably would not be on my list. Because, wow, with each passing year it's getting harder and harder to go with a stick. When Porsche builds a new GT3 and makes it available solely with a PDK transmission, I think it's safe to say the footsteps are getting louder and louder.

However, the good news this year is that I can also resolve to not buy a car with blind spot warning, lane-departure warn-

ing, active cruise control, predictive forward collision warning, backup collision intervention or active lane-keeping control.

— I resolve to not cancel any of my car magazine subscriptions.

Boy, I've thought long and hard on this one. When I last moved, a year ago, I gave away all my old issues of Road & Track and Car and Driver. Like decades worth. They were all in boxes, gathering dust, with multiple moving labels on them, souvenirs from multiple relocations. I hadn't cracked one open in years. But technology had finally caught up with me... back issues were now all on-line. So my treasured retirement annuity had, all of a sudden, lost all intrinsic value, except maybe to an itinerant collector with more storage space than me.

Nowadays I don't devour the mags like I used to. Most of the feature stories I've already read on-line, thanks to the pub-

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lishers' habit of pushing stories my way by e-mail, way in advance of their hard-copy publication dates. And they're just so repetitive. I really, really don't care to read the same impressions of the latest whatever from the same ride/drive event, multiple times in multiple pubs.

So what am I doing, keeping the subscriptions? It's tradition, damn it! It hurts me! The joy of opening a full mailbox, of thumbing through, of wiping ink off my fingers... of... I don't know! All I do know is I'm not ready to go fully digital.

Although, some months it looks like the magazines have been mainlining too much Slim-Fast. If this keeps up, I may not have to make a resolution on car mag subscriptions at all.

— I resolve to not rant and rave about the pointlessness of collecting antique automobiles.

I will not mull over the rationale of paying a king's ransom for something that long

ago outlived its usefulness at the intent for which it was created.

What do people do with them? Most of the people I see with classic cars, today, stuff them in unmarked warehouses in industrial parks, to be let out in the sunshine for carefully scheduled monthly sojourns around the block, to keep the fluids flowing. Or for parades. Or car shows. Or auctions, where they're swapped out for another hulking behemoth with bad brakes.

But, no. I resolve that, if it floats your boat, so to speak, go forth. Just, please, watch your mirrors and yield to passing traffic when you're actually out and about, whenever that is.

Ok, that's it. I resolve to have the happiest of Happy New Years, and I hope you do, as well. See you 'round the bend.

Dick Badler is a columnist for the Rocky Mountain Region of PCA. He writes a monthly column for the Region newsletter - High Gear. You can checkout the Rocky Mountain Region at <http://rmr.pca.org>.

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## *I am Porsche of Ann Arbor*

*By Porsche of Ann Arbor*



Service Manager Paul Stec had a choice when he began his 36-year career at the Porsche Audi Volkswagen dealership now run by the German Motors Group: He could have joined a large domestic automobile manufacturer in the Motor City as an industrial engineer, or he could have followed his passion for the German cars and worked with their owners on a close personal relationship. He chose the latter, even though

he earned a degree from Eastern Michigan University in automotive science. The tipping point for the former technician's choice likely came from his enthusiasm for cars after he and his brother built their own roadster using a shortened Volkswagen frame 45 years ago. Since then, he's restored a vintage 1964 VW Beetle, and a 1980 Scirocco sports coupe. Today the 60-year-old grandfather of six drives a Jetta and a Passat, and serves as an extraordinarily experienced supervisor over the service of all Porsche, Audi, and Volkswagens at the Ann Arbor shop. "This job keeps me young," he says. "I like the people part of it."



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Dave and Carol Hauser	23 Years
David Vrooman	16 Years
Jim and Timothy Grabowski	14 Years
David and Darlene Kimple	12 Years
Mohamad and Malik Almasri	11 Years
Christopher and Dana Dunbar	11 Years
Chuck Putsch	10 Years
Bruce Zieglar	9 Years
Roderick and Julia MacLachlan	5 Years
Larry Chaffee	2 Years



New Members

None

**Maumee Valley Region Membership:**

Primary Members	146
Affiliate Members	113
Total Members	259

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## MAUMEE VALLEY REGION

### JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
6:00pm

Loma Linda's Mexican Restaurant  
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## Maumee Valley Region Calendar of Events

Check our web site at [www.mm.pca.org](http://www.mm.pca.org) for the latest event information.

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### JANUARY

- 12 #Cars and Coffee
- 16 **Dinner at Loma Linda's**

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Planning Meeting
- 9 #Cars and Coffee
- 13 Business Meeting

### MARCH

- 9 #Cars and Coffee

### APRIL

- 10 Business Meeting
- 13 #Cars and Coffee

### MAY

- 10 #Cars and Coffee

### JUNE

- 6-7 **Stoddard Swap Meet**
- 8 #Cars and Coffee
- 12 Business Meeting
- 15-21 Parade

### JULY

- 13 #Cars and Coffee
- 25-27 **P2O**

### AUGUST

- 10 #Cars and Coffee
- 14 Business Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 14 #Cars and Coffee

### OCTOBER

- 12 #Cars and Coffee
- 9 Business Meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 9 #Cars and Coffee

### DECEMBER

Note: All business meetings are held at Vin Devers and start at 7PM.

New or revised events in **BOLD**  
# Non-PCA events.

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Beth Stewart at [beths.mvrpca@bex.net](mailto:beths.mvrpca@bex.net).

## Technical Talk

By John Jennens, owner of The Car Port LLC



PPI. Great . That's just what we need. More acronyms. In addition to CPO (Certified Pre-Owned), ABS (Anti-lock Brake System), and TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System), now we have PPI or Pre-Purchase Inspection.

Since there's been a real shortage of crystal balls in recent years, when considering the purchase of a previously-enjoyed car, a PPI is not an option. Contact a trusted repair shop that specializes in the marque you're considering. Seeking out a professional opinion on a prospective addition to your fleet can help you avoid an unpleasant discovery after the deal is done, and deter what we really fear most – the dreaded wallet cashectomy.

A small expenditure beforehand can save you thousands later. The extent of the examination can vary. A basic once-over in-

spection can suffice for a car with a complete maintenance history or if the shop performing the PPI happens to be familiar with that particular car. Otherwise, an unknown car with few records would need to be looked at more closely.

Tony Callas, the owner of Callas Rennsport in Torrance, California, allows 4 to 6 hours for a thorough PPI, with the thought in mind that should a major problem be discovered in the first hour or so, the inspection would end. There's not much point in doing a compression test, let's say, if the engine is knocking and rapping like Jay-Z.

To follow Tony Callas' recipe, a chassis inspection heads the list, followed by the drive train, engine, gearbox, brake sys-

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tem, and condition of the interior. Beginning with newer cars - 1989 and up - electronics play an important part in the evaluation. Ten years later - starting with the 996 – the car’s “brain” or DME (Digital Motor Electronics) can even record the number of engine over-revs. The 997 breaks down this data even further so it’s possible to see if the previous owner thought that bouncing off the rev limiter just meant it was time to shift.

As pricey as Porsches have become, it’s surprising how many are treated roughly with little attention to service and virtually no maintenance. A good PPI and extensive records can help to dismiss these cars

as unworthy candidates. Meanwhile, the previous owner of that highly sought after cream puff may have actually written down every time he got gas or aired the tires. Perhaps a bit AR (anal retentive), but better TMI (too much information) than winding up SOL.

*John is the owner of The Car Port LLC.*

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## Around the Zone

By Michael Soriano

Zone 4 Representative



Greetings PCA Zone 4 Members,

Happy New Year! My name is Michael Soriano, and I am excited and proud to be your new Zone Rep. For several years members of the Executive Committee have been

asking me to take on a national position. However, I chose to remain in my position as Region President to successfully complete many of the innovations and projects, which we had implemented in order to continue the growth and progress being made in my region. After the Presidents' Meeting in March 2013, Ron Carr approached me asking me to consider running for the position of Zone Rep., and after careful consideration, I did. I'd like to thank Ron and Constance for all of their years of service to PCA and for their valuable assistance to me. I would also like to thank all of the Region Presidents that nominated and endorsed my candidacy, and to the Executive Council for their tremendous display of support.

As Zone Rep, I have already had numerous communications with Manny Alban and Vu Nguyen, and even more with Ron. I've written and submitted my first newsletter article, began planning and organizing the Presidents' Meeting, arranged an all-day meeting with Ron, began working on the zone's visit to the North American International Auto Show, started setting up and arranging my travel plans for the year, reviewed many of the upcoming events throughout the zone, and participated in my first Zone

Rep conference call ~ and it's only been 3 days.

All of your region officers and chairpersons are hard at work scheduling an abundance of activities. I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting each and every one of you at these upcoming events. Be sure to check your local region's website and newsletter for the latest details on the many events close to you that are being planned. Also, consider attending other regions' events, such as:

- The **Rally Sport Region** will gather on the first Tuesday of January (7<sup>th</sup>) at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth, MI, **just for fun** (no meeting involved this month)!!

- The **Western Michigan Region** will host its **January Dinner Drive** on January 15th to Leo's Seafood Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI. Contact host Sarah Lewis for details at [sarah.lewis@grandxray.com](mailto:sarah.lewis@grandxray.com) or call at (616)-459-0145.

- Zone 4 gathering at the **North American International Auto Show**, Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI on Saturday, January 18, 2014. Special presentation for PCA members of the new Macan at the Porsche Display from 7 to 9 AM, before the show opens to the public. Registration details are included in the December E-Blast to Zone 4 members, and on the Zone 4 website. Registration is through [MotorsportsReg.com](http://MotorsportsReg.com).

- The **Northern Ohio Region** is hosting a **Tech Session** on January 18<sup>th</sup> at Swift Filters, Inc. in Oakwood Village, OH - the subject will be "High Performance Filtration". RSVP to Brad Kennett at [bkennet](mailto:bkennet)

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[nett@penskeautomotive.com](mailto:nett@penskeautomotive.com) by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Join the **Ohio Valley Region** on February 1, 2014 for their **Annual Chili Party** at Porsche of Kings Auto Mall in Cincinnati, OH. Registration details can be found in the region newsletter or on the OVR website at <http://ovrpca.org/>.

- The **PCA National Winter Board Meeting** will be held on Saturday, February 14-16, 2014 in San Diego, CA. Location

and details are on the PCA Website. All PCA members are welcomed to attend this semiannual business meeting.

- **The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Porsche Parade** will be held in **Monterey, CA** on June 14-21, 2014. Put this event on your calendar and plan to attend, volunteer to help out and have fun with PCA members from across the US and Canada. It will be a great time for all. Registration will open in mid-March, 2014.



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*....the Checkered Flag!*

Checkered flag

The cover this month shows the open road just waiting for us to occupy it with our Porsches. I know that it is only January but the days are getting longer. It won't be long before it will be time to get out the cars.



The planning meeting to be hosted by Karen and Jerry Hergenreder is set for February 1st. Come on out if you want to provide input on the activities for this year. The new Social Chair and President are looking to have an exciting year for the club. Please provide your input to help fill out the calendar. We are always looking for event hosts or sponsors.

I would like to invite each of you to consider writing an article for the newsletter. This can be a story about your first (or current) Porsche, a review of an event that you attended, or a trip that you took in your Porsche. Any article will be considered. Including pictures will help to get your story told. Prior writing experience is not required. Editing help is available.

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

....the editor



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12 #Cars and Coffee

16 Dinner at Loma Linda's

**FEBRUARY**

1 Planning Meeting

9 #Cars and Coffee

13 Business Meeting