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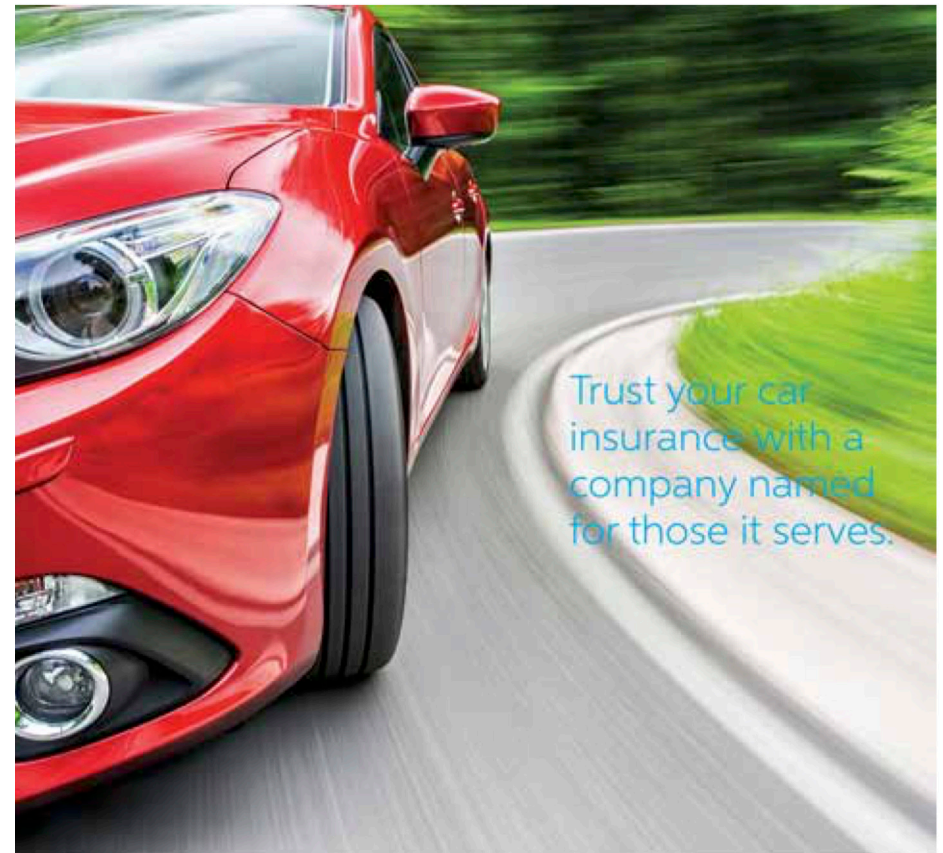
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**EDITORS' NOTE**

BY: GREG ARMSTRONG & JOE SHEAMER

"Some of you have told us that you are not writers and that is what prevents you from contributing. That's OK! Your contributions aren't graded, and no one is judging your work"

Dear Readers,

We aren't clever enough to surprise someone (Sebastian—SURPRISE!) who sees the contents of each newsletter before it is published, but we did our best to do just that. We can only hope that Sebastian was surprised by MVR President Lisa Soriano's announcement since we couldn't see his face when he read her letter.

There are people who help because they have to or have been voluntold into it such as we were by the aforementioned MVR President Lisa Soriano, but Sebastian Gaeta is the type of person who helps out because he can, and he wants to always do a little bit more. He initially offered to provide articles for us when we first corresponded with him, which we declined at the time because we were silly enough to believe we could get enough MVR members contributing that we wouldn't have space for more content.

As we have tried to make clear in the past, we are excellent Tunnel Visionaries whose scope is limited to correctly predicting future automotive innovations one percent (or less) of the time. Our skills do not translate into more practical matters such as predicting member engagement levels. Therefore, instead of taking Sebastian up on his offer for content, we ended up asking him to help us put together the newsletter, and then also to contribute content because, why not?

The result, in our opinion, has been the best-looking issues since we became co-editors, and that's all because of Sebastian's efforts. If we had about five MVR members outside of the core group of contributors who were willing to put in half of the effort Sebastian does, we would be overloaded with high quality content. If an honorary MVR member is willing to do so much to help our region, what's stopping you from joining in the fun

and contributing content for our newsletter? We would be more than happy if a few members volunteered their driveways and/or lawns for some of our competitive challenge concepts instead of contributing to the newsletter.

Some of you have told us that you are not writers and that is what prevents you from contributing. That's OK! Your contributions aren't graded, and no one is judging your work.

We look forward to submissions beginning to flood our inbox from members we haven't heard from in a while, or in some cases, ever.

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**WILLKOMMEN  
BY LISA SORIANO**



As many of you are aware, Sebastian Gaeta began assisting us with our newsletter when we found ourselves without a graphic designer to help compose the newly created digital version of der RÜCKSPIEGEL. Earlier this year, I was approached by the editors who wanted to recognize Sebastian for all of his hard work month after month. At the last Board Meeting, it was agreed that recognition was due, and I am pleased to announce that Sebastian is officially the Creative Director of der RÜCKSPIEGEL and an honorary member of the Maumee Valley Region since he resides up north and is a registered member of the Rally Sport Region. Welcome Sebastian and thank you for all that you do!!!

PCA's premiere event, Porsche Parade was held from Sunday, July 11 through Saturday, July 18. As members of the Parade and National Staff, our week is quite different than the average attendee. Michael and I arrived on Thursday evening July 8, and spent a majority of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday locating shipments, unpacking, inspecting, and inventorying all of the items we created for the event. In addition, we had several meetings to attend.

Due to Covid, things were different this year, but in many ways they were the same. There were nearly 1100 registered entrants and over 2000 participants. There were no super-secret vehicle reveals and there was only one representative from Germany who was able to attend because he is a US citizen. The group from Alaska was not able to drive from home this year; however, a few of them still found a way to drive a Porsche to the event. They flew into Billings, Montana and borrowed a friend's. The new President and CEO of Porsche Cars North America, Kjell Gruner, was in attendance as were the President and CEO of Porsche Design of America, Karsten von Engel and Head of Marketing for Porsche Design of America, Kerstin Hamann, and there was a slew of beautiful cars.

For those of you who are not familiar with Parade, it is a week of competitive events, seminars, driving tours, and other social activities designed with the entire family in mind; for many, it is a "Porsche Family" Reunion. Although we worked 14-16 hours most days, we found time and ways to connect with old friends and make new ones. After the banquets on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, we sat in the beautiful lobby of the French Lick Springs Hotel chatting with friends until late in the evening. And on Monday and Friday night, we hung out with friends in PCA's KEF lounge, which was conveniently located right next to the Trophy Room.

Thursday is our one day off, and our opportunity to compete in the Gimmick Rally. I have a love-hate relationship with this event as I recently discovered that I am in fact quite competitive. Since Michael drove the Cayman S, I was delegated to being the navigator, which is more responsibility than I desire. This year's rally was divided into 2 parts a "90-minute" drive (it took us well over 2 hours) where you identified 9 pictures in the order in which they appeared on the route.

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The second part was answering several questions about movies containing Porsches. The event concluded at a local Drive-In where we were shown the film Le Mans, in honor of the movie's 50th anniversary. Miraculously, we scored 100% on the first part and correctly answered all but the 2 "ungoogleable" questions about the movies. Out of nearly 200 entrants, we placed 8th!

It never ceases to amaze me how many familiar faces you see year after year from friends located all over the US and Canada, and how much it really does feel like a family reunion, truly substantiating the club's motto, "It's not just the cars, it's the people!"

PCA National is continuing to produce TechTactics LIVE episodes. Here are the episodes that have aired since my last article, which are currently available on the PCA YouTube Channel.

- How to get started in sim racing
- How much is my Porsche worth?
- Pixar Creative Director's 1976 911 and the story behind Sally Carrera.

They have also recently added PCA Tech Tips. These articles and videos can be found at [pca.org](http://pca.org) under the Technical Tab.

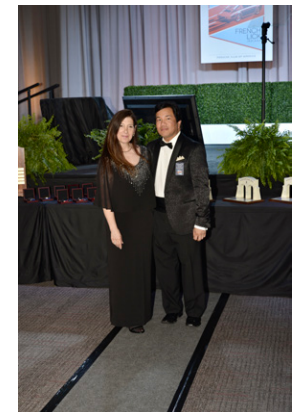
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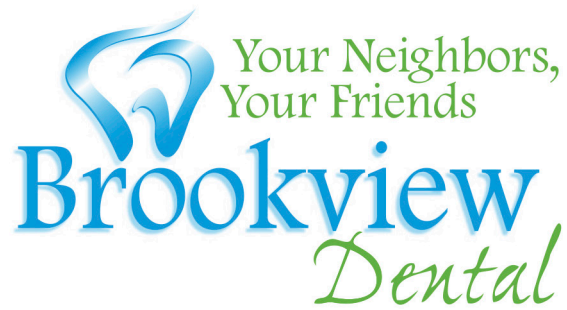
This month is our Annual Family Picnic at Secor Metropark. It is always a great time, so I hope that you will plan to attend. Please make sure that you are receiving Kim's Social Event email notifications and visit our website at [mvr.pca.org](http://mvr.pca.org) to view the most up to date Calendar of Events.

I look forward to seeing you all at an event soon!

Thanks,

*Lisa*

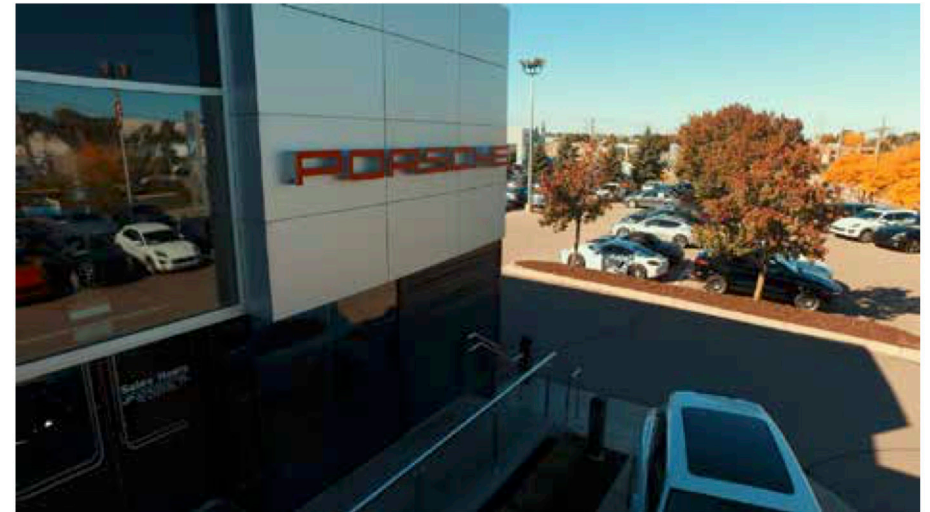




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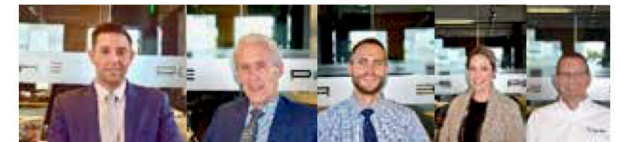
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Total Members	296

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## September 2021

Dear Zone 4 Members,

Wow did we have a good Parade or WHAT! And Zone 4 was out in force, taking first place and many trophies in all aspects of Parade. From Concours, to AutoX, Rally, even the Art Show – Zone 4 can be very proud. Honorable mention to the top National Awards – Enthusiast of the year from Ohio Valley Region Jerry Wolf, and Top Newsletter Goes to Central Indiana by editor Pam Clarino.

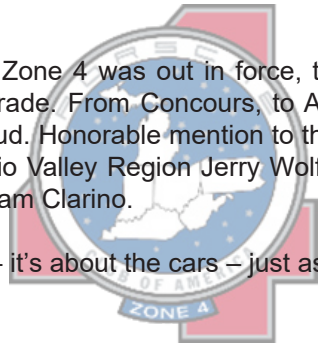
We say it's not just about the cars, but let's face it – it's about the cars – just ask the Mid-Ohio gang! Check out all of the results:

<https://www.porscheparade.org/parade-results>.

Thanks to mother nature, we once again had to bring the concours into the parking garage and event center plaza – we still had fun. I had a great time organizing the Historics Display which is a special Porsche Collection of 48 within the Concours. This year the theme was “Blow the Lid off Summer”, as we were all so ready to get out and be together again. The collection featured only open top Porsches, and one of each model type was included – from the 356 Cab and Speedster, through the 914, 944 cab, 968 cab, all the 911 Targas, 911 Cabs and Speedsters, and of course the Boxster. Each entrant received a special custom plaque sponsored by PCNA.

Several of our members cleaned and buffed their Porsches to the max. Maureen Arata, Central Indiana, won the hearts of the PCA Juniors and kids, and won their Kids Choice award with “Green Bean. The concours judging was brutal – who knew 5 minutes could take so long!

The spectacular trophies for all of the awards were designed, built, and presented



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In front of French Lick Resort. Photo by David Clardy



by our own Lisa and Michael Soriano from Maumee Valley. Awards were presented throughout the week at 4 different banquets. Sponsors and PCA provided door prizes ranging from t-shirts to tires, to a trip to the Porsche Track Experience.

Get out there and enjoy your Porsche with friends!

Lori



Concours judging as Rick Riley watches his 67 911 S being judged. Photo by Lori Schutz



Maureen Arata, CIR with Green Bean, photo by David Clardy



Michael and Lisa Soriano presenting awards Photo by Lori Schutz



Three generations of the 911 Speedster on the Rooftop French Lick – Michael Gilson 1989, Rick Riley 2019, Hank Weil 1994, photo by Michael Gilson



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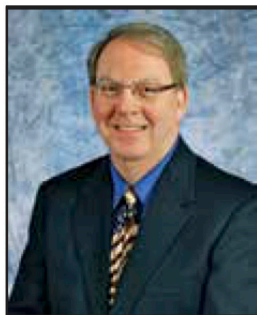
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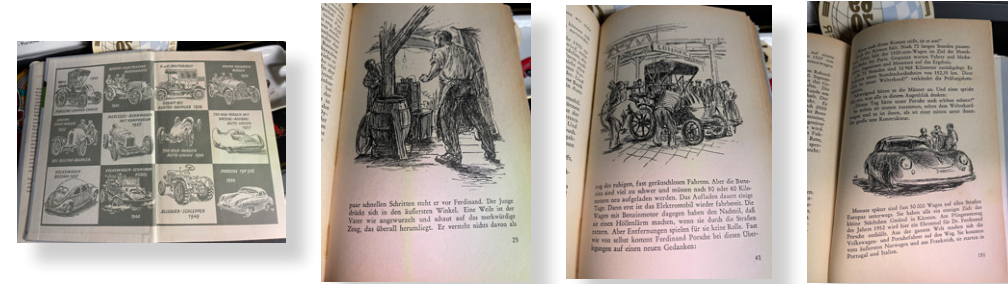
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Porsche specific literature has been a big interest of mine as far back as I can remember, especially the early stuff from the 50s and 60s. Whenever I read it I become immersed in a world in which I didn't even live. Born in 1962 I wasn't even around when most of my collection was produced and at best I was just a kid who was completely unaware of these cars and this hobby. But it still brings me back to a time I wish I had experienced which is why you will often see me hanging around with the "old-timers" at any Porsche events I attend.

With Joe and Greg's permission I would like to begin a semi-regular column showing some of the older Porsche literature in hopes of giving people who are unfamiliar with it a glimpse into the old days of Porsche.

I'll start with the oldest piece I have which is the earliest known book specifically about Ferdinand Porsche called Porsche Autos-Weltkorde. Written by Heinz Sponsel, it was published in 1953 and by its cover and title we might assume it has something to do with a speed record.



Although it is in German, with a little help from translators and following the illustrations I figured out that it is in fact a book about the Professor, Ferdinand Porsche, and his life's story culminating with the early 356's speed records set at Monthlery in 1951. <https://porsche-carshistory.com/1951-linas-monthlery-porsches-speed-records/>

If you are not completely familiar with the elder Porsche's story and don't read German, I highly suggest reading Ludvigsen's Excellence Was Expected, it's not just the greatest Porsche book ever written but widely regarded as the finest automotive book ever. In it you'll learn about Ferdinand's amazing early career as technical director for several companies before starting his own engineering firm. From trains, to tanks to farm implements and automobiles, his passion for anything mechanical and mobile was unmatched.



What we have in this particular book is an abbreviated biography relative to "Excellence" and because it is in German it makes it really just a collector's item for me, but being the earliest known book specifically about Porsche makes it very special indeed.





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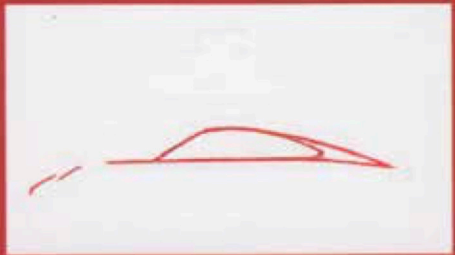
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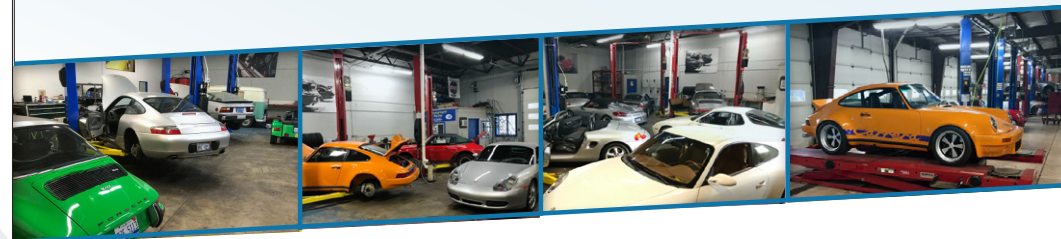
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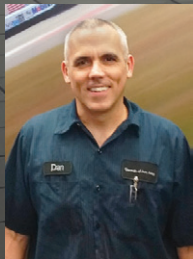


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