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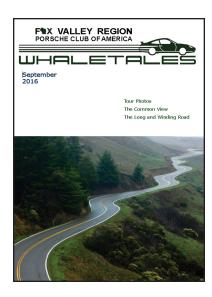
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The long and winding road, that leads, to your door Will never disappear, I've seen that road before It always leads me here, lead me to your door The wild and windy night, that the rain, washed away Has left a pool of tears, crying for the day Why leave me standing here, let me know the way.

The Beatles

From Your Region's President

September Presidents Letter

With the last long big summer weekend upon us I hope everyone has had a great summer filled with many miles driven with your Porsches. There will still be many great days ahead especially with the annual changes of the leaves as autumn approaches. I know this year we have not had as many events planned as in past years so I encourage all of you who have an interest in hosting a social event, a driving tour or other opportunity that you feel would be fun four club to call me or another member to help you get started. It is a great way to get involved and to meet new people. We as a club can also help offset some of your expenses as well.

Two weekends ago Shaun and Dee Stamnes hosted a really nice wine tour in our area. We started off at the Fleet Farm on the east side with a short drive to Cold Country Winery where we tasted many type of wine and had cheese and crackers to complement the wines.

As a reminder the next board meeting will be held on October 1st at 2:00pm, at our home, prior to the chili and bon fire social. We encourage all Fox Valley Region members to attend. Please see the details in this month's Whaletales.

I would like to ask all our members that if you have an interesting story, event or experience that you would like to share, please send it to whaletalesFRV@gmail.com by the 20th of each month and we will try to include it in the next edition of the newsletter for all to enjoy.

In closing, I just want to say thanks to everyone who has hosted an event or who has participated in one of our events that make it so much fun. As we always say in our club, "It's not just the cars, it's the people that make this club so great!"

Happy and safe motoring!

Todd Benz, President Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America Cell (920) 217-9564

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FVR Calendar of Events

2016 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, September 7th - 11th - Treffen Lake Tahoe. For program information and registration see the Treffen website teffen.pca.org or email treffen@pca.org

Saturday, October 1st - PCA Fall Social at the Benz's. Fox Valley Region PCA members and their families for a Chili and Bonfire social on Saturday, October 1st from 4:00pm to ?? RSVP no later than Sept. 25th to Todd Benz at tbenz@onesourcetech.net

Tuesday, October 4th - Fall Tech Session at The Auto Clinic in Neenah Hosted by Gordon Skog gord240z@live.com

Tuesday, November 1st - Mackinaws Social. 5:00pm - 6:00pm Drinks and Social. 6:30pm Dinner from Menu. RSVP to mehaen@sbcqlobal.net

Saturday, December 10th - FVR Holiday Party. Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk. RSVP by Dec 4th to Gordon Skog at gordon240z@live.com

Cold Country Vine & Wine Tour Pictures











61st Porsche Parade Pictures











The Common View by Robert Dean (PCA Memeber since 2009)

On August 2, 2016 I was greeted by Shane Hecker, a Porsche brand representative at Bergstrom Premier Motorcars, in Appleton, Wisconsin to review and drive the new 2017, 718 Boxster. I wanted to investigate the new four cylinder Porsche in order to determine if the newest edition of the Boxster (or new/retro moniker 718) is a worthy successor to the six cylinder boxer engines we all know and love.

Before delving into my review, I should disclose some probable bias. My first Porsche was a 1999 Artic Silver and Carrera red leather interior Boxster. It was my first by choice. Since James Dean was one of my childhood idols, it seemed fitting to me back when I bought the car that my first Porsche should be silver and a convertible. (Yes, his 550 Spyder was an open air model, not a convertible.) Regardless, since the Boxster was first, it will always hold a special place in my heart.

Does the new 718 Boxster live up to the billing? In short, yes, it most certainly does. The 718 Boxster is worthy of the legendary brand, and a wonderful exposition of ever further refinement and evolutionary advances in a highly engineered machine. I walked away utterly impressed and questioned whether the model I drove was truly a 'base' model. It was indeed, and it exceeded my expectations in every respect.

Consider the 718 moniker for a moment, what it stands for and why renaming the Boxster as the 718 was so ambitious. The first edition Porsche 718 was also a flat-four, open cockpit race car that was built between 1957 and 1962. It had a mid-engine layout and used a 142 horsepower (106 kW) 1.5-liter engine introduced in the 550A. It was entered at Le Mans beginning in 1957, only taking a year before it reached the podium as first in its class and third overall in 1958. That same year, the 718 came in second at the Targa Florio. A year later it dominated the field, and claimed overall victory at the Targa Florio. A 718 also won the European Hill Climb Championship in both 1958 and 1959. If that were not enough, in 1961 a 718/4 RS Spyder took first in its class at Le Mans. Thus, from the 718 moniker flows an exemplary motorsports history that creates very large shoes to fill for the newest rendition.

What are some of the specifications for the 718 as tested? It's a 2017, Zuffenhausen made Rhodium Silver Metallic with black leather interior roadster. It has a turbocharged, direct fuel injection, 2.0 liter boxer 4 cylinder aluminum engine, with 300 hp at 6,500 rpm / 280 lb. feet of torque at 1,950-4500 rpm. It has double overhead cams with four valves per cylinder and is controlled with a 6 speed manual transmission with dual-mass flywheel (PDK shift (with paddle shift option)) with launch and sport mode. It gets a respectable 22 MPG in the city and 30 MPG on the highway. It has Bi-Xenon Headlights including the Porsche Dynamic Light System (PDL). It rides on 20 inch tires with brakes containing 4-piston aluminum monoblock fixed calipers in black (front and rear). It also has an amazing interior with seat heating and ventilation, navigation, AM/FM/Sirius radio and a Bose surround sound speaker system. As tested, the 718 has a sticker price of \$76,030.00.

Before getting into the 718, I took a few moments to observe the exterior. It has a low stance and aggressive styling. It has prominent lines, yet is unmistakably a Boxster in form. The 'Porsche' logo rests on the rear wing, which adds a three dimensional appeal to the design. The wheel base appears wider and longer than prior models.

Lighting for the 718 has also been revised and resembles the front headlights of the 918 Spyder, containing four separate points of light. The same is true for the rear lights, which provides a sense of modernity and a reminder that excellent form tends to follow function. The lighting is superb and provides even more of a sense of added safety for night driving. The 718 also uses a new steering wheel, derived from the 918 Spyder.

Climbing inside the 718 is a joy. The seats are very comfortable and while getting situated, one has a clear sense of the interior of the car enveloping the driver. It was a very hot day when I drove the 718, but the interior was cool and relaxed. Closing the door feels as if the car is being sealed, and before turning on the stereo, you experience a tranquil silence, as if you are entering seclusion. The elevated PDK shifter invites the eye to explore the controls, which are easy to reach and intuitive.

The stereo system is handled by a touchscreen, with knobs accenting your ability to control what you want to hear. From a tech standpoint, the interior stereo/computer system allows you to make hands free calls or confirm the route you are headed via the navigation system. It is very easy to use.

Starting the 718 is an experience. Porsche has perfected the art of engine music and one clearly senses the presence of the engine on revs, without it being overbearing in nature. The visual and aural experience of sitting in the 718 with the engine warming up builds the suspense and need to drive the sports car.

Driving the 718 provides a sense of fully appreciating and experiencing a drive. The PDK shifting is so seamless, it left me wondering whether I still preferred a manual shift. There was no discernable turbo lag, and upon entering the highway during rush hour, I was able to reach speed in a couple of seconds. The cars to the left of the entrance ramp almost seemed to move in reverse as I accelerated to merge into highway traffic. Acceleration is blazing quick and effortless. The torque and acceleration is almost intimidating.

Steering is very responsive and tight, with a short turning radius. Braking is as one would expect in a Porsche, perfect. I came to the end of my test drive wishing I could start over again to relive the experience.

The 718 definitively answers the question whether the new four cylinder turbos are worthy of the Porsche brand with a resounding 'yes'! They are, and much more. The 718 clearly demonstrates the ongoing evolutionary process of Porsche development and how much they continue to learn from the racetrack to apply to cars that can be daily drivers. The detailed engineering is evident in every facet of the experience of looking at, listening to, driving and experiencing the 718. This car is a classic in the making, and if you have been waiting on the sidelines to consider a new purchase, this is it. Enjoy the ride!













PCA Fall Social at the Benz's

We would like to invite all Fox Valley Region PCA members and their families for a Chili and Bonfire social on Saturday, October 1st from 4:00pm to ??

FVR-PCA Board meeting will precede the social gathering and will convene promptly at 2:00pm.

We provide the chili, fixings, snacks and Smores, You provide your own beverage. Our bonfire pit is located a short walk through the woods on our property so we ask that each member also bring chairs to sit next to the fire and proper footwear for walking to and from the fire pit area.

All members are encouraged to bring their Porsches, weather permitting. We have a long driveway where we can line up the cars along both sides of the driveway and hopefully get a great picture for the newsletter.

In the event of poor weather conditions, we will gather in our bar/game area or garage. Please RSVP to tbenz@onesourcetech.net no later than September 25th Benz' Residence, 5571 River Oaks Drive, DePere, WI 54115 920-338-8967 / 920-217-9564









<u>Directions from Appleton:</u> Take 41 North to Hwy J exit in Kaukauna. Turn right on Hwy J and follow towards Kaukauna. Turn left at 1st 4-way stop. Turn right at stop sign and go across Railroad Tracks. At stop sign, turn left onto Hwy 96 towards Wrightstown. Stay on Hwy 96 thru Wrightstown until you come to the Shell Gas Station on the right. Turn right at Shell Gas Station and cross bridge over the Fox River. Take 1st left after bridge onto Hwy ZZ. The Fox River will be on your left. Go approximately 5 miles on Hwy ZZ looking for Wrightstown Road. Turn right on Wrightstown Road. Go 2 miles on Wrightstown Road to River Oaks Drive. Turn left on River Oaks Drive. Look for Southern Style House with Big Front Porch (4th on right - #5571)

<u>Directions from Green Bay:</u> Take Riverside Drive/Hwy 57 South thru De Pere. Road splits just past Shell station - be sure to stay to the right on Hwy 57. Stay on Hwy 57 about 5 miles past Gold Dust Dairy on the left. Look for Hwy ZZ on the right just past Apple Valley Orchard. Turn right on Hwy ZZ and go about 1/4 mile to River Oaks Drive. Turn left on River Oaks Drive. Stay on River Oaks as it curves through the neighborhood. Look for Southern Style House with Big Front Porch (#5571)

<u>Directions from 57 South:</u>. Take 57 North from Greenleaf. Look for Hwy ZZ on the left about ¼ mile past Eddie's Bar. Turn left on Hwy ZZ. Go about ¼ mile to River Oaks Drive. Turn left on River Oaks Drive. Stay on River Oaks as it curves through the neighborhood. Look for Southern Style House with Big Front Porch (#5571)



Please join us November 1st at Mackinaw's Grill & Spirits in Green Bay for dinner and social time. We'll gather between 5:00 and 6:30 PM in our own dining room for some conversation and sharing of stories with dinner from the menu at 6:30.

For those of you new to Mackinaws, you're in for a real treat. It's conveniently located just off of I-43 at 2925 Voyager Dr in Green Bay. If you want to take a peek at their site just to preview their wonderful menu, you can find them at http://www.mackinaws.com (Jimmy highly recommends the Elk Stroganoff.)

The hospitality of fellow member & proprietor of Mackinaw's, Pat Quinn, has made this an enjoyable and well attended annual event.

Please send your RSVP to Mary and Jim Haen at mehaen@sbcglobal.net by October 27th so we have a head count for adequate seating. We hope to see you there!



December 10, 2016: FVR Holiday Party



What: 2015 Holiday Party, hosted by Gordon Skog and Lindsay Daly

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016

Where: Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk

123 East Wisconsin Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956

Details: 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Social including cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and silent auction bidding

7:00 - 8:00 PM - Dinner - menu to be announced

8:00 - 9:00 PM - Business meeting and award reception

9:00 PM - Silent Auction promptly closes with all money collected for charity

10:00 PM - Continued social time in Fan Club

Cost: \$18.00 per member*. Non-member or additional guests \$30 per person.

(*The FVR is subsidizing the cost of the dinner)
Please make checks out to FVR-PCA and send to:

Jim Janes

5866 Harbor South

PO Box 175

Butte des Morts, WI 54927

Silent Auction: Please be sure to bring an item or items to donate to our silent auction! This is our largest fundraiser for charity, and a lot of fun every year. Items do not have to be Porsche related, so bring anything that you believe will start a bidding battle. Thank you for your generosity!

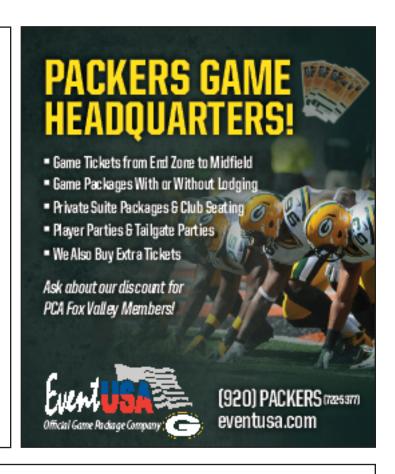
If you would prefer to stay overnight, there is a small block of hotel rooms reserved under "Fox Valley Porsche Club", contact Holiday Inn Riverwalk directly to hold a room in your name.

RSVP is assumed by your nonrefundable payment sent to Jim Janes by December 4, 2016. No additions or cancellations can be accepted after December 4th for final planning purposes. Any questions can be directed to Gordon Skog at gord240z@live.com

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Contact: Tony Wickham - (920) 915-7744

For Sale: 2001 Porsche 911









2001 Porsche 911 C2 – asking price \$26,500

- Manual transmission 6 speed
- 42,500 Miles
- CD radio, Power seats, Power Sunroof
- Seal Gray Exterior Black Leather Interior
- New Tires Michelin Pilot Sport
- Colored wheel center and valve stem tips
- IMS Bearing has not been replaced No Issues

Contact Todd Benz if interested (920) 217-9564 (tbenz@onesourcetech.net)

FVR ID Badge Update

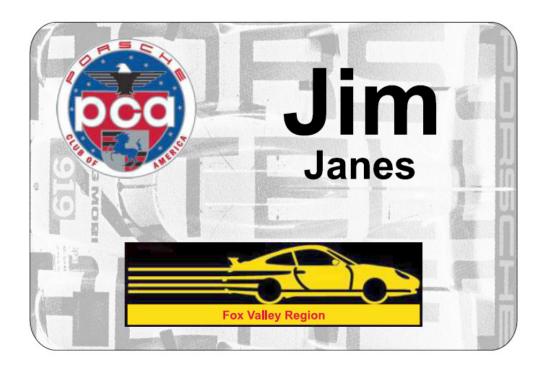
New Fox Valley Region ID Badges are available!

Discussion on various proposals for updating the Fox Valley Region ID badges has been underway since late in 2013, and the FVR board has recently approved the design shown below. If you have the older name badges and you are happy with them, they will be just fine, updating to the new ones is completely optional. If you would like to update to the new design which will be our standard ID badges going forward, the new badges will be printed plastic laminate cards, featuring the PCA and FVR logos, member name, with first name in large, easy to read letters. The background image is the Porsche 919 hybrid featuring the new livery design based on the Porsche Intelligent Performance theme. The lanyards will be a repeating pattern as shown below, the badges will also include the option for magnetic attachment.

The package will be one badge, one lanyard, and one holder for \$10.00 plus shipping.

Send request for ordering to Jim Janes at irjanes@omscom.com.

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Membership Milestones



Member Anniversaries

Name	Location	Vehicles(s) Since	Member
Joseph & Peggy Homel	De Pere, WI	1997 911	1991
Jerome & Cathy Mirek	Appleton, WI	1978 911	1996
Stephen & Drew Gering	Oconto, WI	1981 924	1996
R & M Whitman	Green Bay, WI	2013 911 Carrera	2002
Charles & Barbara Wise	Appleton, WI	1990 Carrera	2007
Todd Fergus	Oneida, WI	2010 911	2009
Allen Curran & Wendy Simmons	Hancock, MI	2004 Boxster	2009
Nicholas & Michele Guerrieri	Green Bay, WI	2015 Boxster	2011
Peter & Joy Thielmann	Kiel, WI	1995 911 Carrera	2011
Thomas & Lori Mazza	New London, WI	2000 Boxster	2011
Kurt Dramm	Manitowoc, WI	2009 911 Carrera	2014
Gregg & Nancy Beukema	Marquette, MI	2002 Boxster	2015
Jennifer Jensen	Oshkosh, WI	2016 Cayman	2015
Welcome to our new members of t	the Fox Valley Region!		
Name	Location	Vehicles(s)	Member
Kevin Head	Appleton, WI	2014 Cayman	

The Fox Valley Region Porsche Club of America's current membership is 294 total members, with 169 primary members and 125 affiliate/family members. With 225 vehicles being registered with PCA, 26% of FVR members report owning more than one Porsche.

Also thank you also to our loyal members who continue to renew their membership with us annually. Your continued support and participation is greatly appreciated. Renewing your membership is even easier with the redesigned PCA website, simply login to www.pca.org and click on the renewal date near your welcome banner.

The Learning Curve



Larry here.

I don't know about you, but I love road trips. If I have a choice between taking the fastest route from A to B or taking the scenic route, I will always do the later. There is something about finding hiden stretches of road that lead to new and wonderful places. I think I picked this up from my father. He would often take back roads and round-about ways to get to and from places. Usually the drive was filled with, "Here's where the old Mill was." or "There's where I put the Road Runner in the ditch." I find I do the same thing with my kids. In fact, the next time you are driving near Whistling Straits north of Sheboygan, and you are on the north curve of Lakeshore Road (County LS), you will see the spot of my one and only car accident. I put my fathers 1978 Dodge Van in the ditch. I was out in the middle of winter finding those undiscovered roads when I hit ice.

I call it wanderlust. It's the desire to see whats around the next curve. What's in the next little town. We used to play a game with my kids when they were younger. We would start driving and when I got up to a cross road I would ask my kids "Left or Right?" whichever way they agreed upon was the way we went. We found many a great resturant and hidden adventure by doing this. I have to imagine that you Porsche owners have that same wanderlust. I think its what keeps us young. We are like the modern day explorers. Trailblazing new routes and new roads.

So as summer comes to an end and Fall enters with all its beauty, may the long and winding road find you. Enjoy.

Your Interim Whaletales Editors.

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