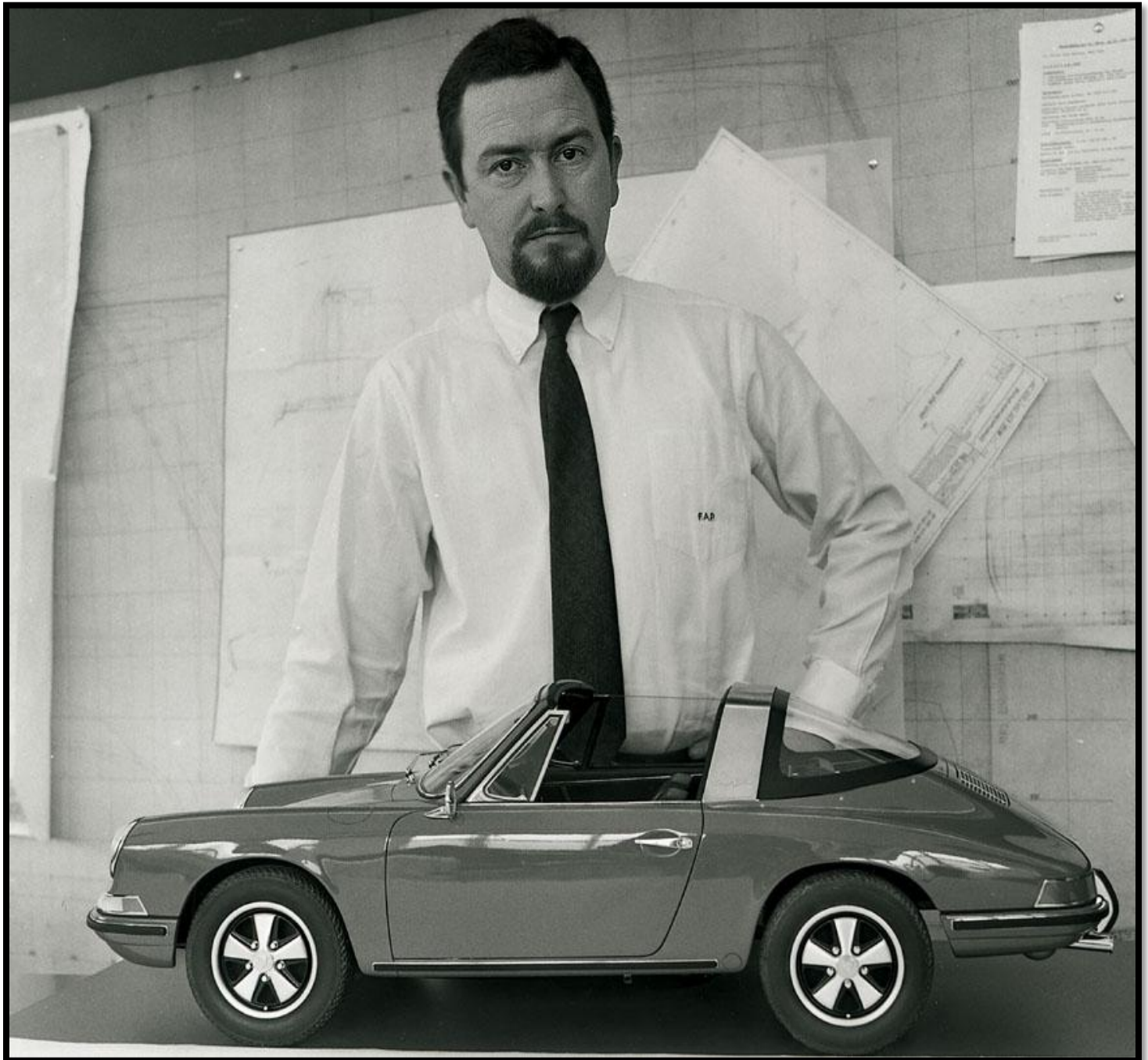


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PCA Olympic Peninsula Region 2012 Event Calendar

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January 2012

- 5th – 6:30P/7P – **Dinner/Calendar Planning Meeting** at Bremerton Airport Diner
- 12th – 6:30P/7P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Silverdale Round Table Pizza
- 21st – 7P **Dinner** at 2 Margaritas Family Restaurant in Allyn

February 2012

- 11th – 5P/6P – **Member & Board Meeting/Dinner** at 7 Cedars Restaurant
- 15th – **March/April Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 25th – 7P **Movie Night** at Brownsville Y/C

March 2012

- 10th – 8:30A **Tour to Bainbridge Island**
- 14th – 6:30P/7P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Silverdale Round Table Pizza
- 17th – 10A – **Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby Show & Shine** at Silverdale Lutheran
- 25th – 2P – **8th Annual Chili Cookoff**
- 27th – **Porsche Parade 2012 Reg. Open**
- 31st – 6:30P **Dinner** at Bay Street Bistro in Port Orchard

April 2012

- 11th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Silverdale Round Table Pizza
- 15th – **May/June Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 20th – 7P **Social Dinner** – at That's A Some Italian

May 2012

- 4th – 6th – **Weekend Tour to Columbia River Gorge** – staying at Dalles Inn.
- 9th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Silverdale Round Table Pizza
- 19th – **Armed Forces Day Parade/Lunch** at MAXRPM
- 26th – **Rally/Lunch** – Donated by JR & Tina Leaman

June 2012

- 1st–3rd – **LeMay Museum Grand Opening** in Tacoma
- 9th – 9A **Tour to Seabeck/Picnic** – Gloria Mellon
- 13th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Silverdale Round Table Pizza
- 15th – **July/August Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 16th – 10A/7P – **Tech Session/Customer Party** at MAXRPM – Alex Raphael
- 23rd – 3P/5P **Tour/Golf Putting Tournament/Dinner** at Trophy Lake Golf Course – Pete Fischer
- 29th- 1st – 9A – **SOVREN Pacific NW Historics Races & Car Corral** – see www.pnwr.org

July 2012

- 8th – 14th – **Porsche Parade 2012** Salt Lake City, UT
- 21st – 7A-3:30P – **Bremerton Elks Car Show** – Gloria Mellon
- 28th – **Overnight in Port Angeles** – Super 8/Olympic Lodge
- 28th – 6P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting in Port Angeles** - *we need a volunteer to plan dinner*
- 29th – 11A – **Porsches on the Pier in Port Angeles** - Cecil White

August 2012

- 8th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting**
- 15th – **September/October Nor'Wester Deadline**
- 11th – 9A - **Tour to Mt. Rainier/Dinner** – Pete Fischer
- 12th – 8:30A – **Cruz Port Orchard Car Show**
- 18th – **Charity Car Show** – at Great Wolf Bob Becken
- 25th – 9A - **Tour to Sequim** – Dan Kalinski

September 2012

- 1st – 9A – **Bremerton Blackberry Festival Car Show**
- 12th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting**
- 16th – 7P **Social Dinner** – *we need a volunteer to plan this event*
- 22nd – 9A – **Brownsville Appreciation Day Car Show**
- TBD – **Weekend Tour to Ocean Shores** – Brooks & Barb Hanford

October 2012

- 6th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at 7 Cedars Restaurant in Sequim
- 13th – **Oktoberfest Dinner** at Alderbrook Inn – Pete Fischer
- 15th – **November/December Nor'Wester Deadline**

November 2012

- 14th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Annual Membership Meeting**
- TBD – **Tech Session** – *we need a volunteer to plan this event*
- 21st – 6P – **Pre-Thanksgiving Party** – Gloria and Keith Mellon

December 2012

- 8th – 6:00P/7:00P – **Cocktail Hour/Holiday Party** at TBD
- 15th – **January/February Nor'Wester Deadline**

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**Ferdinand Alexander (Butzi)
Porsche (1935-2012)
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From The President – Brian Forde

In this issue you will read about tours, dinners and other social events over the last two months. I would like to thank Pete Fischer, Susan Smith, John James, Debbie Raphael as well as the Elwells and all who worked behind the scenes, making these events possible. If not for our members participating, our region would be very boring and that is not very Porschesque.

A special thank you to Vice President Jon Wyman who attended the PCA Zone 6 President's Meeting in Montana, as the Olympic Peninsula Region's representative. John not only attended, but also presented information for a possible Escape 2015 event bid.

This Portland Swap Meet report is a brief one. Very few Porsche parts and two over priced cars as well as a white 914 2.0 that was at least in the ballpark, price and condition wise at \$10,500.

The coming months are going to be busy and I advise any members who have questions about upcoming events to keep a sharp eye on the OPR website calendar for updates throughout the year. An example is the Spring Tour to The Dalles to be hosted by our own Kevin Strilcov and Judy Berrain over May 4,5,6th and a rally donated by JR and Tina Leaman to be scheduled soon, as well this year's Porsches On the Pier event in July.

That reminds me, what is the best road in Washington? Just drove WA112 and loved it. Any thoughts?

In case you have not heard, OPR Grille Badges are coming and will be in limited supply. We have ordered 45 grille badges and 5 belt buckles to be sold to those who get their payment in first. Stay Tuned.

A note to all, to please welcome our new members to events and feel free to share your own Porsche experiences whether it is buying a new car or having a Porsche adventure. Driving season is here and we only get so many trips around the sun.

Finally, All OPR members are welcome to contribute to this publication through writing articles, sending in photos or helping in the mailing process. Did I mention the Photo Contest? See page 22 of this issue for details.

If you have any questions please feel free to drop me a line at OPR-BRIAN@live.com.



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From the Social/Event Chair – Maryann Elwell

It seems we are finally getting some sunny weather, so those of us who don't like to take our Porsche's out in the rain should be able to drive them a lot more often. I'm certainly seeing more of them around Gig Harbor lately. Special thanks to John James for putting on an incredible Spring Tour to see Glenn Mounger's car collection on Bainbridge Island and for Brian for picking up the lead, when John was unable to attend. I was unable to attend, but heard from many how awesome it was.

Thanks to Gloria and Brett for representing us at the annual Cub Scout's Pine Wood Derby. Thanks to everyone for participating in another successful Chili Cook-off and for bringing all the great food. Again we couldn't have asked for better weather. Congratulations to our winners: Gloria & Keith Mellon – 1st place, Dick Brown – 2nd place, and I ended up taking 3rd Place this year. Finally, I want to thank Pete Fischer and Susan Smith for putting together our March dinner at Bay Street Bistro in Port Orchard. We had a nice turnout despite the weather and everyone had a great meal and a lot of fun hanging out. Thanks to Debbie Raphael for putting together our April dinner at That's-A-Some Italian restaurant in Poulsbo. As in the past, the food and wine were fantastic and everyone had a great time.

In addition to our monthly Membership/Board meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we have quite a variety of other events coming up to get everyone involved. We have our first overnight Tour coming up May 4th-6th down to the Dalles, OR for a great tour along the Columbia River Gorge, which should be a great time. See our calendar below for those events coming up in the next couple of months. More details for these and other events can be found on our calendar below or on our website at www.opr-pca.org.

The Porsche Parade is being held in Salt Lake City, UT on July 8th – 14th and registration opened on March 27th, so if you want to attend you should register soon, before it sells out. In early May registration will be starting for the Annual Canada West Weekend, which is at Spirit Ridge Resort in Osoyoos, B.C. on September 6th-9th; see <http://www.pca-cwr.org/> for more details.

May 2012

- 4th-6th – **Columbia River Gorge Tour** – This will be a weekend getaway to the Dalles with a great drive along the scenic Columbia River Gorge. Meet at 9:30A in front of Ace Home Center/McDonalds/Subway, 2421 93rd Ave SW in Tumwater, just off Exit 99 off I-5. Make your room reservation by April 20th to get the group rate of \$84/night + tax at the Dalles Inn. We have reserved 10 rooms, so just mention you are with the Porsche Club. Hotel phone is (888) 935-2378 or (541) 296-9107 and address is 112 W 2nd Street. Check out their web site for more information at www.thedallesinn.com. RSVP to Kevin Strilcov & Judy Berrian ASAP, so they can make our restaurant reservations, at stribberri@comcast.net or (360) 866-2151.
- 9th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Round Table Pizza in Silverdale located at 3276 NW Plaza Rd # 101 (across from Kitsap Mall).
- 19th – 8:30A – **64th Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade/BBQ Lunch** - Meet at MAXRPM, at 8:30A for coffee & donuts, so we can line up before the parade start at 10A. RSVP to Maryann Elwell at maelwell@centurytel.net or (253) 853-4003 by 5/12/12 if you plan to participate in the parade and indicate how many will be joining us for an OPR-sponsored BBQ lunch afterwards back at MAXRPM. If you don't participate in the parade, you can join us for the BBQ lunch for \$10/person, but be sure to RSVP for lunch only.
- 26th – **Rally** – Date is tentative, until it can be confirmed. JR & Tina Leaman are donating a fully planned

put on by local Navy guys for our club with awesome prizes: Whitewater Rafting trip for 4 plus the Leaman's, night at a local B&B, and a Cribbage game. Lunch will follow the Rally. Please RSVP to Tina & JR at tjleaman@msn.com or via phone (360) 698-6404

June 2012

- 1st-3rd **LeMay Museum Grand Opening** – Several parties and events will take place over this weekend. Tickets on sale mid-March. Located at 2702 East D. St. in Tacoma. For details and tickets see <http://www.lemaymuseum.org/events.php>. Our club made a \$500 donation and will have a 12"x12" paver installed at the museum. We also have the opportunity to put 10 of our cars on display for the grand opening on Saturday and Sunday. Event registration is \$35 per entry for Non-members or \$25 for Members and includes two entry tickets to the Museum (valued at \$14 ea.). You must be able to leave your vehicle parked during the entire car show for that day (8:30A-3P). We are full for Saturday June 2nd, but if you are interested in showing your car on Sunday June 3rd, please provide your name, Porsche model/year, and photos to Gloria Mellon at geesluwez@comcast.net ASAP.
- 9th – **9A Tour to Seabeck/Picnic** – Tour to a waterfront home with an awesome car collection and extensive collection of other automotive memorabilia. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy on the banks of the Hood canal along with local Oysters. A grill will be available on-site for our use. Please RSVP by 6/1/12 to Gloria Mellon at geesluwez@comcast.net or (360) 405-0211.
- 13th – 6:30P/7:00P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting** at Round Table Pizza in Silverdale located at 3276 NW Plaza Rd # 101 (across from Kitsap Mall).
- 15th – **July/August Nor'Wester Deadline** – Please get ads, articles and photos to Brian Forde at opr-brian@live.com.
- 16th – **10A-3P Tuning Tech Session** – with PNWR at MAXRPM located at 2320 6th Street in Bremerton. We'll have a morning session with Steve Capito from Velocity Products who will discuss benefits of their oil and fuel additive product line. Followed by lunch and an afternoon session with Garret Lim of GIAC and Alex Raphael who will discuss performance-tuning software programs. RSVP by 6/5/12 to Alex at alex@maxrpmmotorsports.com or (360) 373-6758.
- 23rd – **3P/5:30P Tour/Dinner at Trophy Lake Golf Course** – Meet at 3P at Trophy Lake golf course parking lot, 3900 SW Lake Flora Road in Port Orchard, for an exhilarating pre-dinner tour of some local curvy Tahuya roads above the Hood Canal. Upon returning to the golf course we'll have time for a welcomed drink, then we will have a miniature golf style putting contest (no experience required) at 5:00P. Dinner will be served on the patio around 5:30 pm (weather permitting)...if not will be inside the cafe. Here is the url to see this very lovely location for a guaranteed fun event: <http://www.trophylakegolf.com/>. RSVP to Pete Fischer at pete_fischer@hotmail.com or (360) 275-8811 by 6/14/12.
- 29th – July 1st – 9A – **SOVREN Pacific NW Historics Races & Car Corral** – will take place at Pacific Raceways in Fife. If interested in Porsche Car Corral and track laps see <http://www.pnwr.org> for details.

July 2012

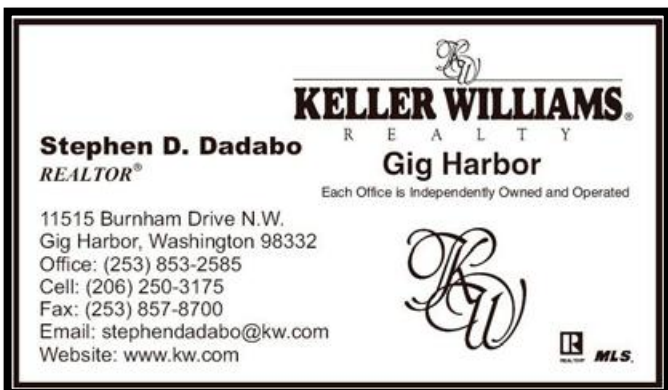
- 8th – 14th – **Porsche Parade 2012** Salt Lake City, UT. For details go to <http://parade2012.pca.org/>. If you plan on attending parade, please contact Gloria Mellon at (360) 405-0211 or via e-mail geesluwez@comcast.net, since she's organizing a group drive out to the parade.
- 21st – **7A-3:30P – 24th Annual Bremerton Elks Car Show** - located at 4131 Pine Road NE, Bremerton. Registration 7A-Noon with Dash plaques and Goodie bags to the first 200 registrants. Breakfast served until 9AM. Lunch: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda & Snacks. Proceeds are used to assist the

Lodge in its charitable activities such as: Elks Therapy Program for Children, Children's Hospital, Retsil Veterans Home, local area children's sports activities. Please RSVP by 7/15/12 to Gloria Mellon at geesluwez@comcast.net or (360) 405-0211. \$10 pre-registration, <http://elkscareshow.com/preregister.php> or \$15 at the gate.

- 28th – **Overnight in Port Angeles** - Rooms are available in Port Angeles, for those who want to stay over the night before Porsches on the Pier, at the Super 8 for \$92+tax or the Olympic Lodge for \$162+tax (w/ AAA or AARP membership) or \$180+tax. Hotel reservation must be made directly with the hotels. Super 8 located at 2104 E 1st St (Hwy 101) phone: (360) 452-8401 or Olympic Lodge located at 140 S. Del Guzzi Drive phone: (800) 600-2993.
- 28th – 6P – **Dinner/Member & Board Meeting in Port Angeles** – *we need a volunteer to plan dinner. If interested, please contact Maryann Elwell at maelwell@centurytel.net or (253) 853-4003.*
- 29th – 11A – **Kurt Schneider Memorial Porsches on the Pier in Port Angeles** – Meet 9:15A at the Poulsbo McDonalds (20533 Viking Ave.) or 10:30A at the Daily Grind coffee shop at 1919 East 1st. St. in Port Angeles across from McDonalds, to drive to the Pier for car show. RSVP by 7/25/12 to Maryann Elwell at maelwell@centurytel.net or (253) 853-4003 with which location you will meet us at. During the car show enjoy the local Arts in Action Street Fair featuring music, sand sculptors, artist booths, family events, Port Angeles Underground tour, vendors and food. Be sure to bring folding chairs, sunscreen, hats/sun umbrellas, water and soft drinks to keep you cool and jackets/sweaters should it be cool. After the car show, join us for an Ice Cream Social at Patty & Dave Meyer's home in Sequim with a panoramic view of the bay. For ice cream social, RSVP by 7/25/12 to Dave at spdstr89@yahoo.com or (360) 681-4947.

Did you know that you can earn points by chairing and attending OPR events, writing articles and submitting photos for the newsletter/website, getting a new member to join, and getting a new advertiser for the newsletter? The current standings for the 2012 Member Participation Awards are as follows. The top three women are: Debbie Raphael (1st), Diana Kingley (2nd) and Tina Leaman (3rd). The top three men are: Bill Elwell (1st), Brett Burroughs (2nd), and Alex Raphael (3rd). And so far I'm the top board/chair member, ahead of Gloria by a hair. If you like a challenge, the year is just beginning, so let's see how many events you can make in 2012.

If you would like to host a club event, please contact via phone: (253) 853-4003 or e-mail: maelwell@centurytel.net.



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Ferdinand Alexander Porsche: A Lifetime of Design

Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG, Stuttgart, is mourning Professor Ferdinand Alexander Porsche. The Honorary President of the Supervisory Board died on 5 April 2012 in Salzburg, aged 76.

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche was born in Stuttgart on 11 December 1935, the oldest son of Dorothea and Ferry Porsche. Even his childhood was shaped by cars, and he spent much of his time in the engineering offices and development workshops of his grandfather Ferdinand Porsche. In 1943 the family accompanied the Porsche company's move to Austria, where he went to school in Zell am See. After returning to Stuttgart in 1950, he attended the private Waldorf School. After leaving school, he enrolled at the Ulm School of Design.

In 1958, F.A. Porsche, as he was known by his colleagues, joined the engineering office of what was then Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche KG. He soon proved his great talent for design by sculpting the first model of a successor to the 356 model line out of plasticine. In 1962 he took over as head of the Porsche design studio, creating a worldwide furor one year later with the Porsche 901 (or 911). With the Porsche 911, F.A. Porsche created a sports car icon whose timeless and classical form survives to this very day in what is now the seventh 911 generation. However, in addition to passenger cars, F.A. Porsche also concerned himself with designing the sports cars of the 1960s. His best-known designs include the Type 804 Formula One racing car or the Porsche 904 Carrera GTS, now considered to be one of the most beautiful racing cars ever.

In 1972 he founded the "Porsche Design Studio" in Stuttgart. In the decades that followed, he designed numerous classic gentlemen's accessories such as watches, spectacles and writing implements that achieved global recognition under the "Porsche Design" brand. In parallel, with his team, he designed a plethora of industrial products, household appliances and consumer durables for internationally renowned clients under the brand "Design by F.A. Porsche". A strong and clear design concept typifies all product designs created in his design studio to date. The credo of his design work was: "Design must be functional and functionality has to be translated visually into aesthetics, without gags that have to be explained first." F.A. Porsche: "A coherently designed product requires no adornment; it should be enhanced by its form alone." The design's appearance should be readily comprehensible and not detract from the product and its function. His conviction was: "Good design should be honest." (Article content and photos courtesy of Porsche AG)

Great Food and Good Company Highlights March Social Dinner – Pete Fischer



On a cool rainy evening 20 of us braved the signature NW weather and sat down to an awesome dinner experience at the Bay Street Bistro in downtown Port Orchard. We were well rewarded for braving the elements.

This tiny bistro is housed in a 100 year old building. Chef owner, John Stasinger has created a space with a fireplace cozy enough to be a neighborhood gathering spot where people can pull their chairs over to chat with friends but one with cloth-covered tables and low evening lighting elegant enough for a date night. We were seated in the private candle lit balcony loft that overlooks the cozy main floor setting below.

Chef John made a special menu especially for us entitled... "Welcome Olympic Penninsula Porsche Club"...the extra N and the omission of the C were the ONLY flaws of the evening. (We all had a good chuckle over this NC...at no charge J). The menu gave us a choice of six starters, and four specially prepared salads that were included with any of the seven entrée selections.

Some of us started the evenings fare with something you've never eaten or maybe even heard of....what do get when you combine parmesan cheese, cream cheese, eggs, heavy cream, bacon, onion, blue cheese, Tabasco sauce and bread crumbs with a prep time of 20 minutes and a cooking time of 5 hours.

It's a starter course entitled Savory Blue Cheese Cake! A cheese cake for a starter...oh but wait a "savory" blue cheese cake served warm? But what does savory mean... "Savory", classically, means something non-sweet. All I can say is that it was delicious. Other starters included Gravlaks, Spicy Clams, and Coconut Mussels. I believe that JR and Tina being the seafarers they are... loved the Mussels and Clams.

After the specialty salads were devoured Maryann was out asking who was feeling lucky and wanted raffle tickets. With the top prizes being rocks glasses and coffee mugs I didn't think there would be many takers... but I guess that everyone must have been thinking about the consolation prize of paper money....not much buying power, but the \$30 with much hooting and hollering was graciously accepted by Tina.

Main courses arrived on an eclectic collection of plates. Brian, Brooks, myself and several others raved over the house specialty Boeuf a la' Bourguignon (Beef Burgundy). In the culinary arts, the word Bourguignon refers to a recipe that is prepared in the style of the French region of Burgundy. This a braised dish meaning: To cook by browning in fat, then simmering in a covered container.

Seldom has a definition been so inadequate. Shouldn't the definition of braise include words like "sublime," "transcendent," "gorgeous," "silky," or just plain "delicious"? Clearly dictionary writers have not eaten braised meats, or they wouldn't be so adjectively-challenged.

A braise done right is a thing of beauty and joy to devour. And to eat the Bistro's signature dish is to consume comfort and deliciousness on a plate. It's the kind of meal that assaults your senses and your memories... conjuring up the sounds of your grandmother's kitchen, or the feeling of swinging your legs under the dining room chair when you were seven, or the first time you ever had mashed potatoes.

The ingenious braising process not only yields fork-tender strands of juicy, flavorful meat, it also produces the most heavenly dark and rich sauce to pour over it. The rich sauce has subtle hints of the generous amounts of carrots, onions, mushrooms, bacon, red wine and of course, the beef chunks, that combine forces for hours over low heat. The sauce alone was good enough to lick off the back of your spoon — repeatedly and joyfully.

Pete and Amy both loved the Stuffed Chicken Breast with aged Gouda, wild mushrooms and sage. Barbara thought that the pan seared Pacific Red Rock- fish with bell peppers and ginger in a spicy curry sauce was excellent. June and Susan both enjoyed the Goat Cheese Ravioli in a roasted garlic cream sauce.

Maryann had the Grilled Wild Gulf Prawn Skewers marinated with lemon and garlic served over Orzo Pilaf. And she enjoyed Truffles for dessert. Later she told me, "They were both delicious. I felt they did a great job handling our rowdy group and I liked having our own room. I would definitely go back."

And John James summed it up best by saying, "Great food, excellent service and a fun time. I would definitely return to the Bay Street Bistro.

So maybe next year maybe we can return with enough OPR-PCA members to reserve the entire Bistro...and so it is with food and a "foodie".

Oh, going back to the special menu for the Porsche Club....I finally found out what that is:

1.) The misspelling of the word Porsche, which is a luxury sports car. 2.) The name of a person who is comparable to the car (sleek, fast, expensive, etc.) if a person is referred to as a porsche, they are top of the line... not many others compare. They are the best of the best. 3.) A term for describing something/someone that is better than the rest in terms of looks, quality, and great handling. Wow, Porsche is as porsche as that sweet Porsche. i.e. That person is as awesome as the car. Ah yes the Porsche....the car that nobody needs, but everybody wants!



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Technology on the Road – Bill Elwell

Steering in the Right Direction

The word steer is most often used as a verb in reference to directing the path of a vehicle or guiding a course of action. Sure, some of you will point out that, used as a noun, steer is a reference to a particular type of male bovine but that is really steering us in the wrong direction! Yeah, you had to see that one coming.

Steering lends itself to many metaphors. We find steering committees that provide guidance to organizations. We can steer our lives in the right direction or we can steer clear of obstacles that life puts in our way. One of the better known steering metaphors is Plato's "ship of state". Plato compared governance of a city-state to piloting or steering a vessel. You can see "ship of state" used throughout history right up to my favorite which comes from a British TV show where it is said that, "the Ship of State is the only ship that leaks from the top". But getting back to steering, my favorite phrase is "power steering". It carries a sense of... well... power!

I think that most of us understand the idea behind power steering. We know it makes turning the steering wheel easier. Most of us know that there's a thing under the hood called a power steering pump that is the heart of the system. Some of us know that there is fluid in the power steering system and that we should check the level periodically. But I'll bet there's very few of us that can quickly find the location of the reservoir in our cars. And there's probably fewer still who can explain how power steering works. I can't help you find your power steering reservoir but I can help you understand power steering.

To tell this story we have to start with plain old steering systems. A steering system takes the rotational motion of the steering wheel as it turns and converts it into a linear side to side motion. Through the use of a series of linkages and arms, that side-to-side motion is used to change the direction of the front wheels.

The oldest steering systems are called worm and sector systems and use a screw and worm gear arrangement to convert rotary to linear motion.



Worm and Sector Steering Box

Many of us have heard of recirculating ball systems which are variations of the worm and sector systems where ball bearings are used between the teeth of the worm and sector gears. This greatly reduces the friction inherent in a worm and sector design.



Recirculating Ball Steering Box

But the most common steering system is rack and pinion. The pinion is a gear at the end of the steering shaft that engages with a linear gear called a rack.



Rack and Pinion Steering

Heavier vehicles, wider tires, and front wheel drive all contribute to making steering more difficult. Power steering systems that make steering easier date back to the late 1800's. But we really didn't see practical applications until WWII where it was used on heavy military trucks. Power steering first appeared in passenger cars in the 1950's. Today it's rare to see a car without power steering.

Most power steering systems are hydraulic. They include a reservoir to hold the hydraulic fluid, a pump to pressurize the system, a valve that senses the force being used to turn the steering wheel, and a hydraulic cylinder that applies force to some portion of the steering system.

The operation of the system is pretty simple. As you start to turn the wheel, the system senses the force you are applying to the wheel and the direction you are trying to turn. A valve is opened to allow pressure into the correct side of the hydraulic cylinder. The hydraulic cylinder pushes the steering mechanism in the correct direction thus helping you steer the car. To be clear, power steering is really power *assisted* steering. The steering wheel still operates the steering mechanism. The power assist simply lends some muscle to help you out.

The device that senses how hard you are trying to turn the wheel and regulates the pressure in the hydraulic cylinder is a clever design. In most cases a torsion bar is built into the steering column. The harder you turn the wheel the more the torsion bar twists. That twisting action is what opens and closes the valve that drives the hydraulic cylinder.

These days we are seeing changes in power steering applications that revolve around the pump. In most cases, the power steering pump is driven by the engine using an accessory belt. That arrangement leaves room for improvement. We need power steering the most when the car is moving slowly or is completely stopped. But the pump is driven by the engine and it creates more pressure when the engine is running faster. That is exactly the opposite of what we need. The result is an inefficient system that we have put up with for years.

With today's focus on efficiency we are seeing a number of new options. Variable assist power steering has a valve that reduces the hydraulic pressure as the vehicle increases speed. A better solution is one that drives the hydraulic pump with an electric motor instead of using the engine. Porsche uses this hybrid electric/hydraulic technique today. Finally, full electric power steering does away with the hydraulics entirely and

uses an electric motor to assist the steering. The Prius uses an electrically assisted steering system.

One of the very nice features of both electrically and hydraulically assisted power steering is that there is a direct mechanical linkage between the steering wheel and the steering mechanism. If the power assist system fails, you can still steer the car. OK, it's REALLY tough to steer but you can do it.

Technology marches forward and we're hearing more and more about "drive by wire" systems (often called steer by wire). In a drive by wire system there is no mechanical linkage between the steering wheel and the steering mechanism. The steering wheel performs the same function as the steering wheel on a computer game. It provides information to a computer about where the wheel is positioned and it provides some level of force feedback to the driver. An electric or hydraulic mechanism controlled by the steering computer actually steers the front wheels.

A drive by wire system can enable all kinds of cool applications. For example without a physical linkage to the steering system, you don't really need a steering wheel any more. You could use a joystick or push buttons instead of a wheel.

Drive by wire would also allow you to make changes to the behavior of the steering system that you can't make today. For example, changing the steering ratio could be as simple as changing a value in a setup menu.

While drive by wire already exists in some vehicles like forklifts, it may be a while before we see it widely deployed on the road. The obvious concern is that without a direct linkage between the steering wheel and the steering system, a steering system failure might leave you unable to control the car.

So if you haven't learned anything else from reading this, at least when someone talks about "steer by wire" you'll know they aren't talking about a cow and an electric fence.

Thanks for reading. I always welcome suggestions for future articles. You can write me at billelwell@hotmail.com.

At the Track – Jeff Smith

Soggy ground? Well they say there is a first time for everything. First time I've heard of a race being called off because of excessive moisture and soft ground. Only in the Great Northwest, or is it really the Great Northwest? The first race at The Ridge was scheduled for March but was cancelled for safety reasons by the track owners. After the record breaking rains in March it was determined that the runoff areas and shoulders were too soft and presented a serious danger of rollover or severe damage if a car went off course. Oh well, always seems to be a few snags getting a new race track going. As it is they have made amazing progress in such a short time. A racing school is up and running and track days are being held. Looks like the first race will now be in May.

Very good news for Pacific Raceway. King County Council approved enabling legislation for the raceway's expansion plans. It's the starting point for plans to invest \$130 million dollars. The development to include two drag strips, an oval track, upgrades to the road course and 1 million square feet of commercial and industrial space. EIS is next. Of course this is a long term project but great prospects for the area and motorsports enthusiasts.

There is a change in how PCA/PNWR manages car numbers at their Drivers Education (DE) events. When you sign up for a DE PNWR assigns you a permanent number that you use in every event. This year they are encouraging drivers who participate regularly to purchase a set of larger numbers that you apply to your car (can be either magnetic or static cling). They want 6 inches or larger and the number contrasting with the background (i.e. Black on Yellow). This is in response to turn worker feedback that the smaller white self adhesive numbers the club had been using were ok but could be easier to read. For the drivers that do not want permanent numbers there will be larger laser number sets with removable adhesive similar to last year's numbers for sale at \$5 a set.

944 Cup – With the cancelation of the first race at the The Ridge our first points race is May 19 at Pacific Raceway. We will still get a chance to race at The Ridge later on July 28-29 at the SCCA's "Inaugural Romp on the Ridge" Double Regional. About the only action for our Northwest 944 Cup drivers so far is Mark and Lyle took their 944s to PNWR Autocross in March. They deduced from Lyle's better times that taller and wider tires are not better for autocross and gearing/acceleration worked best at Bremerton that day.

Things have certainly changed in the racing world economics and by extension to our 944 Cup series. Trying times right now, but there's always hope for better days ahead. Everybody is doing what they can to keep it as affordable as possible. Back in the better days (2009) we had a great Hoosier tire contingency – full set of tires for each 944 Cup race win. But it disappeared in 2010. Goodyear has just stepped up this year as our national title sponsor and with a program of 2 tires to give a way for each of 2 races each weekend. Probably a moot point for us this year as 10 cars is required for each race. I don't see our NW Chapter qualifying with enough cars this year. But it's a start and we just need to keep working on building our numbers. There some other sponsors this year but they are mainly for prizes at the yearend Nationals.

Other miscellaneous 944 Cup related news: We welcome a new driver to our ranks this year. Tony is an experienced racer from ICSCC. Mike Adams has a new car (well, actually a new body with all the good

stuff transferred over from his totaled car) that is almost ready to go. He is trying to get it to the May 19 race. Our local chapter director, Greg Fordahl, has moved his shop and is busy with Alex Jobs Racing's new Lotus ALSM program. Many of you know of Alex Jobs numerous successes in sports car racing with Porsche and now they are fielding the ALMS newest GT competitor, Lotus Evora GT

Upcoming Events

May 17	Driver Ed (PNWR)	Kent
May 19	944 Cup Round 1 (ICSCC)	Kent
May 26-28	944 Cup Round 2 & 3 (Grass Valley if enough entries, or	Kent if not)
May 26	Autocross #3 (PNWR)	Bremerton
May 26	Driver Skills – Women’s Day (PNWR)	Bremerton
May 27	Autocross Novice School (BSCC)	Bremerton
May 27	Autocross – Solo #3 (SCCA)	Bremerton
May 28	Kitsap Kup #3 - Autocross (BSCC)	Bremerton
June 8	Track Day (BSCC)	Bremerton
June 9	Autocross #4 (PNWR)	Bremerton
June 9	Driver Skills (PNWR)	Bremerton
June 10	Kitsap Kup #4 - Autocross (BSCC)	Bremerton
June 15-17	944 Cup Round 4 & 5 (SCCA/PCA)	Portland
June 20	Driver Ed (PNWR)	Kent
June 23	Time Trials (SCCA)	Bremerton

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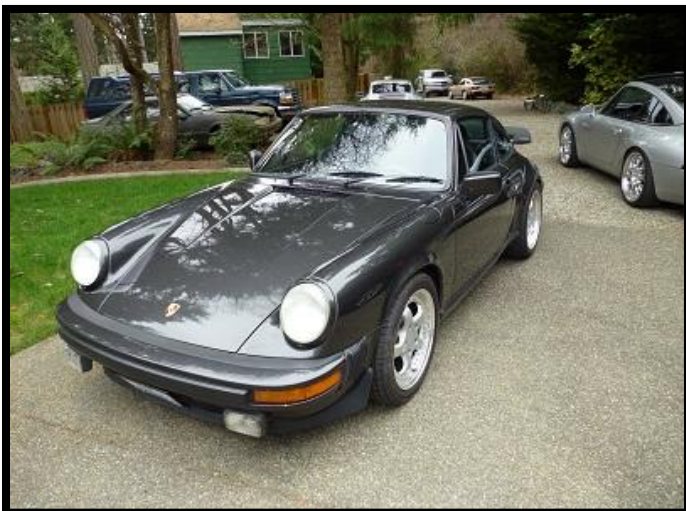
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8th Annual Chili Cook Off

On the 25th of March there was chili in the air and a car show in the driveway. A good time was had with plenty to sample before casting a vote and desserts aplenty afterwards. This year's accolades went to Gloria Mellon, Dick Brown and our host Maryann Elwell, who provided the tastiest of the tasty.



That's-a-Some Dinner Social – Brian Forde

Debbie Raphael was our dinner host at *That's-a-some Italian Ristorante*, downtown Poulsbo April 20th.



Food was great and atmosphere festive as most everyone found something to talk about and to eat. The raffle seems to all go towards a certain table with Brooks Hanford and Bill Barton being the exceptions. Chris and Shannon Wood won the 50/50 and Lexi made off with a couple of items, including the clock, which I thought for sure I was destined to win. Thanks to all for coming out and to Debbie and Maryann for making this dinner fun for everyone.



OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION-PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA
Meeting Minutes March 14, 2012.

President Brian Forde called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Round Table Pizza, Silverdale WA.

Board Members Present: President: Brian Forde, Vice President: Jon Wyman, Past President: John James, Secretary: Linda Wyman, Treasurer: Bob Becken, Member At Large: Not Present.

Members Present: Bill Elwell, Gloria & Keith Mellon, Brett Burroughs, Brooks & Barbara Hanford, JR & Tina Leaman, Alex Raphael.

A motion was made by Brian to approve February 2012 meeting minutes. John James moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Keith Mellon.

BOARD MEMBER AND CHAIR REPORTS

President: Brian Forde: Thank you to John James for arranging the Bainbridge Island Tour on March 10, 2012. Dave Cooley undergoing physical therapy after this surgery: the Club sent him a card wishing him a quick recovery. Porsche Presidents' Meeting is the weekend of April 15th in Great Falls, MT. Brian is unable to attend, however, as Vice President; Jon Wyman will attend on his behalf.

Vice President: Jon Wyman: Nothing to report

Secretary: Linda Wyman: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Bob Becken: Opened a discussion for any concerns about the recent theft by local committee treasurers. Bob has implemented policies and procedures for the office of Treasurer, for example, monthly reports detailing the debits and credits. Gloria commented that the Club's consistent meetings and reports would also help keep the issue in line. Bob is not recommending any changes but wants people to be aware of his procedures. The Club's current balance \$8598.91. Brian commented that general funds and dues should be held separately from money raised for charities. Brian and Bob addressed questions concerning the amount of money donated to the Bremerton Women's shelter. Next year the Club's bank, Chase, will begin charging fees if we do not meet their balance criteria – Jon Wyman suggested researching credit unions and other banks. Brooks suggested BECU, which is now open to the public.

Member at Large: Maryann Elwell - not present.

Past President: John James: The Club has reserved a larger commemorative block at the Lemay Museum. Grand opening of the museum is June 2: The car show at the Grand Opening has a limit of five car entries per Club, however: John is requesting that the Club be allowed possibly ten Porsches at the event. Minimum personal contribution is \$200 to attend. On another issue, Jon Wyman commented on the 911 exhibition at Griot's Garage: Good turnout of ORPCA Club members. There will be more events sponsored by Barrier Porsche in the future: Jon Wyman volunteered to find out when the next event will be. Gloria suggested that we should primarily support the companies that advertise with the Club in the future.

Membership Chair: Gloria Mellon: – 146 primary members – We were able to obtain two new members despite the loss within the last month. Current count: 186 affiliate members with three transfers from the PNWR club during the last month. One of the Club members, Ron Peal, passed away recently.

Newsletter Editor: Brian Forde. Nothing to report.

Website: Bill Elwell – May June Norwester deadline is April 15. On the Club website, Bill has discovered that IE 9 has issues with drop down menus. Bill is also working on putting together a page for classified sale items. We have not been billed by Quango for the web work on the Club site. Bill added that this is possibly due to the large amount of work he provided during the process.

Social Chair: Bill Elwell for Maryann Elwell: Current calendars with upcoming events were made available. Monday, March 19 Rennsport Reunion will be featured on SPEED channel.

Advertising: nothing to report

Technical/Speed: not present. JR Leaman offered to arrange a gimmick rally to be held on the Kitsap Peninsula. Grand prize will be a white water rafting trip for six people, donated by JR and Tina Lehman. They won the trip at an auction recently and offered to donate it to the Club for the rally event.

Goodie Store: Jon Wyman. A list of the items was made available to those present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Brian Forde presented a sample of the grille badge design for review. Bob Becken reiterated that we would not be placing an order for the badges until the Club can pre-sell half of the minimum order requirement. The artwork and design for the badge was \$225. Gloria volunteered to take a photo of the emblem design and email to members, hoping to increase sales for the item. Brian will have the actual sample grille for the next meeting. Brian commented that the grille badges do not come with hardware for attachment, which would be at an additional cost.

On another issue, Bob Becken suggested that we should have a regular inventory of the goodie store items. In the future, all goodie store items should be in the possession of the Goodie Store Chair, rather than a few individual Club members.

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Forde – Requested location suggestions for the Club's holiday party to be held Saturday, December 8, 2012. Bremerton Conference Center, Argosy Cruise and Alderbrook Lodge were discussed as possible sites.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by Keith Mellon, seconded by Jon Wyman.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Wyman, Secretary.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS ON Wednesday, April 11 at Round Table Pizza in Silverdale. Arrival 6:30 p.m./meeting to open at 7:00 p.m.

OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION-PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA
Meeting Minutes April 11, 2012

President Brian Forde called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Round Table Pizza, Silverdale WA.

Board Members Present: President: Brian Forde, Vice President: Jon Wyman, Past President: John James, Secretary: Linda Wyman, Treasurer: Bob Becken, Member At Large: Maryann Elwell

Members Present: Bill & Maryann Elwell, Gloria & Keith Mellon, Pete & Susan Fischer, Brett Burroughs, JR & Tina Leaman, Alex & Debbie Raphael, Ed Weston.

A motion was made by Brian to approve March 2012 meeting minutes. John James amended the Past President report from March: the minimum contribution for the LeMay grand opening is \$35, not \$200. Gloria amended the membership section, as the last name of the deceased Club member is Fiele, not Peal as listed. Alex motioned to accept the amended minutes –Jon Wyman seconded

BOARD MEMBER AND CHAIR REPORTS

President: Brian Forde discussed the Porsche Certificate of Authenticity Program. Owners may order certificates via fax or mail. More information available at 1-800-PORSCHE.

Vice President: Jon Wyman: Announced that he is attending the Porsche Club Presidents' meeting in Great Falls, MT, April 13-15 to promote Bremerton as the 2015 Porsche Escape. The event could potentially draw 400 people (200 cars) to the area. A brochure created by Gloria Mellon was circulated for the Club's review.

Secretary: Linda Wyman: Nothing to report

Treasurer: Bob Becken: Current account balance \$ 7860.79, down from \$8598.91 last month. Account detail sheets were made available to Club members at the meeting.

Member at Large: Maryann Elwell - nothing to report

Past President: John James: nothing to report

Membership Chair: Gloria Mellon: – 145 primary members – 118 affiliate members – total Club members 263.

Newsletter Editor: Brian Forde. Nothing to report.

Website: Bill Elwell –Nothing to report.

Social Chair: Maryann Elwell: Current calendars with upcoming events were made available. Maryann made a motion that the Club should cover the food cost for BBQ lunch following the Armed Forces Day Parade in Bremerton on May 19th, not to exceed \$300 total. The menu will be determined at the next meeting, Gloria seconded the motion. A fee of \$10 will be charged for Club members who do not participate in the parade, but want to attend the luncheon.

Advertising: nothing to report

Technical/Speed: not present - nothing to report

Speed events – John James – SOVREN Pacific Northwest Historics to be held the weekend of June 29th at Pacific Raceways in Kent, WA.

Goodie Store: Jon Wyman. A list of the items was made available to those present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: LeMay Brick – John James delivered application and check payment for the commemorative brick to be processed. On behalf of the Club, Bill Elwell will send the logo file formats to request that the Club logo be engraved on the brick as well. Grille badge sample was presented by Brian Forde for Club members' review. Jon Wyman suggested that we offer the grille badges at the holiday party. The Club may purchase 10 of the grille badges (from the order of 50) as belt buckles for additional \$2.50 each. Original grille badges to be ordered at a cost of \$22-\$23 to the Club, to be sold for \$30 each. Gloria suggested that we order 10 as belt buckles and sell for \$35 each. A vote from the Club approved the order of 45 badges, with 5 as belt buckles.

Maryann Elwell presented locations for the 2012 Holiday Party, to be voted on by board members via email within the next week. Locations discussed: Kitsap Convention Center, Alderbrook, Silverdale Inn, Inn a Gig Harbor.

NEW BUSINESS: - Pete Fischer has arranged a dinner on June 23 at the Gold Mountain Golf Course with a driving tour prior in Tahyua area. More details available at the May meeting.

On another matter, John James presented the schedule for the LeMay car show Saturday, June 2:

7:00 – 7:30 a.m. departure. Car show is from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m. (Cars must depart show at 3:00 p.m. or be left until 6:00 p.m. as a band will be performing during that time.) Club members will not be attending the show on Sunday, June 3. For show on Saturday, send photos of vehicles, registration fee \$35 and no "for sale" signs please.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with a motion made by Ed Weston, which was seconded by Susan Fischer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Wyman, Secretary.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS ON Wednesday, May 9 at Round Table Pizza in Silverdale. Arrival 6:30 p.m./meeting to open at 7:00 p.m.

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Trivia Question:

Porsche is famous for their sports cars and racing cars, but during the 50s & 60s what four wheeled vehicle carried the Porsche name? The answer to the previous Trivia Question – Original 911 designer 'Butzi' Porsche is quoted in an interview within *Road & Track's* Nov. 1966 edition as stating that his favorite vehicle was what? -- His Pontiac station wagon.

The Tour to Glenn's Garage – Brian Forde

On an early morning in March a group of Porsches set out for a tour of Bainbridge Island's lesser known roads. The end of the rainbow was the beautiful setting overlooking Puget Sound at Glenn Mounger's Garage. Glenn and his charming wife Mary Lynn were gracious enough to allow OPR members a chance to see a very special collection of classic and historic automobiles and memorabilia. In the collection were three wonderful Porsches, as well as Packards, a Gull-Wing Mercedes, a Cadillac (fit for royalty) and more than can be related here. One 1969 911S Targa has been in the family since new having been owned by Mary Lynn's father and so before we departed for our lunch at the casino, we slipped her an application to PCA. Hope to hear from you soon Mary Lynn. (Special thanks to Tony Adamski for the ride in his 1968 912)



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