

# Mach Schnell



Central Wisconsin Region – Porsche Club of America

Sept/Oct 2014

## CWI-PCA Holiday Party

Save the date, it's Sunday January 18 at Blackhawk Country Club. By unanimous vote, we're going back to the same location since the food has been fantastic and the location is even better. Still working on the menu and details. We will know by the time the next newsletter is published.

## Dinner and Movie Night

Greetings Porschephiles,  
During the Door County Porsche Club get together, some of us expressed the interest in doing some off season hosting. So I am willing to kick things off.

Saturday, November 15th, I would like to host a Dinner and a Movie night. My idea is to gather about three o'clock at my place near Oregon/Fitchburg to socialize and enjoy some food and drinks. Jerk Chicken anyone? Around 5, we would settle down (maybe) and watch the classic racing film Grand Prix on the big screen.

I tried to pick a date that won't interfere with Deer opening weekend and not too close to Thanksgiving. If you are interested, please email with your reservation so that I will know how much food to make.

Please bring your favorite drink and possibly a small snack to share.

Room is somewhat limited, so you can email me at: [pyprdown2014@yahoo.com](mailto:pyprdown2014@yahoo.com). Enjoy the last few weeks of our driving season and I look forward to our first non driving social November 15th.

Many regards, Al (the Piper) Smith

## CWI-PCA Calendar

Nov 15 (Sat) 3:00 PM Dinner/Movie Night

Nov 19 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Dec 17 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Jan 18 (Sun) CWI-PCA Holiday Party  
Blackhawk Country club

Feb 18 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

Mar 18 (Wed) 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting,  
Lee's Automotive, Madison

CWI Monthly meetings. Come  
join us for pizza and car talk!

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## Writers Block

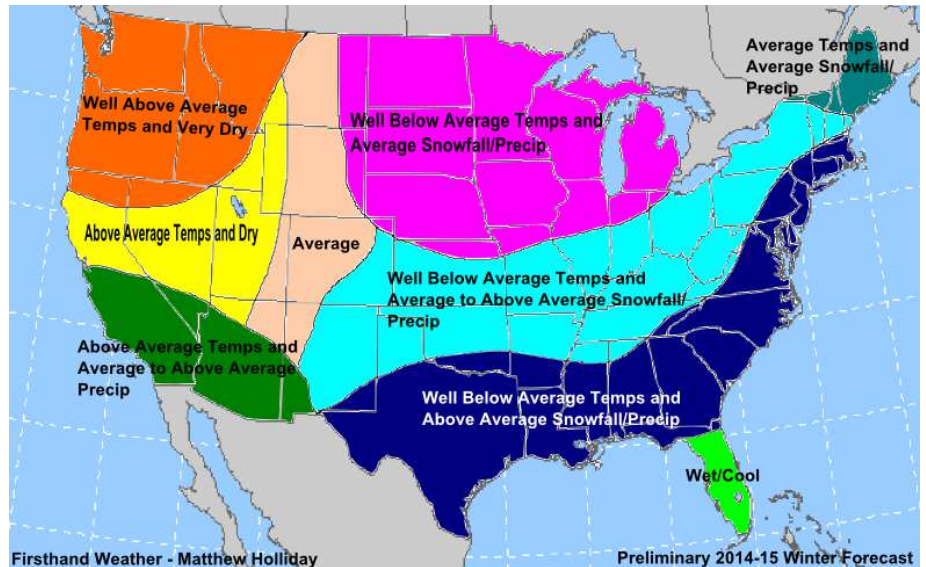
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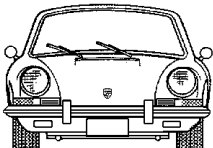
Fall is here. My trees are getting bare. It's almost time to rake and put the car away for the winter. Ah yes, winter. Remember last year? Well, from what I've been reading, get ready for another one.....maybe worse.

I started following a young meteorology student named Matthew Holliday who has a web site called Firsthand Weather ([Firsthandweather.com/](http://Firsthandweather.com/) ). I found the sight after someone mentioned his accuracy in forecasting some of the winter storms that hit the deep south last year. While some weatherpersons were holding back on their snow predictions, he was letting fly with some pretty outrageous amounts, and they were turning out to be accurate.

This year he started to publish his opinion on what the coming winter would be like, and why he thought this way. He was even sighting data like Siberian snow cover in October and it's effects on winter in the US and Europe. Pretty fascinating stuff, even if it was way above my knowledge from one meteorology class in college.

You may just want to wander over and take a look at the Firsthand weather web site. Here is a map he published earlier in the fall. The latest update echoes this early prediction. Blizzaks and extra snuggies anyone?





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## ***Fall Tour—Door County, Oct 3&4***

Twenty Porsches and thirty nine CWI folk amazingly managed to congregate in Sister Bay, Door County, each having driven there on the Friday afternoon. The cheery group assembled at 6:30pm for a “meet and greet” and enjoyed beverages plus some “nibble” snacks before making our way just 1.9 miles to the restaurant in our long Porsche caravan. That is “long” as in the number of cars - not stretched Porsches! Oh dear, I do hope Zuffenhausen’s Marketing Dep’t won’t pick up on that, think it a good idea, and develop a stretched limo Panamera. It would no doubt be powered by a solar panel on the roof. Given Porsches recent product history I wouldn’t bet against it!

We dined at The Mission Grille in Sister Bay and upon our arrival Kathy Davis, Gail Schmeling and Pauletta Lindner were there to greet us and hand each car a “Welcome Pack.” As the cars were sadly not allowed in the drivers /passengers took them on the Porsches behalf. The packs had information about all that Door County offers visitors – and there was much. Before dinner, Kathy diligently explained the detailed program for the weekend - it would clearly be fun! We enjoyed a very fine meal in our own segregated area (very wise keeping Porsche CWI folks separate from the general public!) and there was much discussion and laughter at our various tables. Some derisory mocking was overheard when some “chap” was insisting that the weather would be wonderful for the morrow despite all forecasts to the contrary.

Saturday morning was open to explore at leisure. Six cars however foolishly lined up for an informal drive led by the aforementioned fine weather predicting “chappie” who has wisely asked to remain



anonymous. His promised sunshine hadn’t “quite” materialized but by pure chance we did drive some beautiful back roads with fine color, our windshield wipers working overtime to cope with the liquid sunshine. The VERY twisty road between Gill’s Rock and The Washington Island Ferry was negotiated by all with typical Porsche driver aplomb, as was the return. Alas this was not before our “leader” had tested us, each having to reverse out of a very congested dead end. His stating that it was “planned as good practice for our driving skills” did not “wash.” An unfortunate pun given the weather! Seemingly unfazed

by this embarrassing experience, the group incomprehensively deigned to follow him some more.

We drove on via very pleasant and almost traffic free roads to view the Cana Island lighthouse near Bailey’s Harbor. The narrow road to the lighthouse was very picturesque but the incessant precipitation tinkling on our roofs had brought on a need by many to seek an urgent “comfort stop.” A big issue as it transpired as the only rest rooms were on the far side of the lighthouse entrance payment booth. We now had insufficient time to view the lighthouse and get back for the “properly organized” afternoon tour. However, some clever negotiating, nay pleading, with the attendant allowed us to use the facilities without paying the fee to see and climb the lighthouse. Phew, that salvaged what



would potentially have been a very uncomfortable, unsociable and embarrassing afternoon. The lighthouse will sadly have to wait for another visit.

Fortunately, after the morning's debacle, the afternoon "Real Tour" was led by Kathy somewhat more professionally! She was ably supported by Gail and Pauletta in the lead car with Carleton and Chuck taking up "sweep." Mark and Chris (Kathy and Carleton's son) were positioned in the middle of the group, all linked by Walkie Talkie - how slick was that? After a few pleasant swift meandering miles our twenty Porsches parked up on a causeway for some photography.

Our cars were "composed" in front of the lake with the background being a magnificent vista of trees in hundreds of orange, green, brown and red hues. A friendly Sherriff coasted by, no doubt admiring our splendid cars but also quite possibly noting license plates. Luckily Chris advised us that the said officer was a good friend of

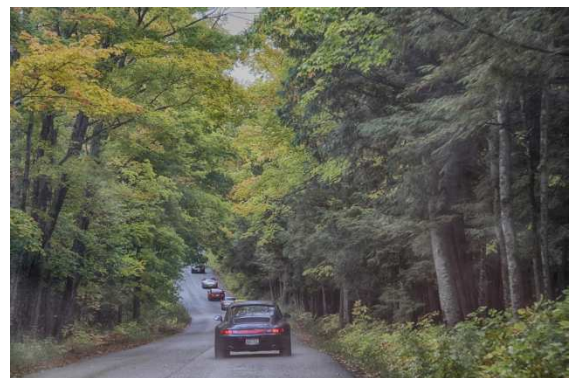
his, and if any of us were troubled for transgressing the rules of the road (as if!) Chris was our man to sort it!

Cave Point was the next destination with photos of the cliffs and rocks being taken in the rain necessitating us all donning some very fashionable, although sadly it must be said, some not so fashionable rain gear and umbrellas.

As we all snapped away in the drizzle the statement was made by some "chap" (yes him again!) that "this cloudy and wet weather is far better for atmospheric photography than blue skies and sunshine." The comment was, very unjustifiably I felt, met with much derision by the group at large. The caravan then headed to Peninsula Park, our cavalcade drawing much attention from the admiring public – many cameras hastily taking snaps of our group. The undulating Park roads looked magnificent even in the wet

Then it was off to "The Cherry Store." Our large group clearly significantly increased the shop's sales for the day as pies, crackers, jams and apples of every variety known to man, (These days- should that "man" be "person" to be totally politically correct?) were loaded into our cars.

It was then time to drive to the Davis's wonderful lakeside home. The vista through the trees across the lake from their lounge was truly magnificent. As we admired it many of us dreamed of waking up each morning to such a view and watching the wildlife while partaking of our freshly brewed finest Colombian coffee and crisp warm buttery croissants. Then again, who would want to miss out on queuing for a stodgy McMuffin, tepid coffee in a Styrofoam cup, and then joining the jostling throng for the scenic drive along the Belt Line or wherever and whatever similar joys our own respective mornings bring!





A truly first class BBQ of beer marinated brats, very fine burgers, locally produced potato salad and coleslaw followed by cherry pie from the very store we had visited earlier was served up by Kathy and her capable team. Many also enjoyed a lesson on professional car detailing from Chris in the Davis's voluminous garage. Some of us were clearly shamed into having to try much harder in future with our Porsche cleaning efforts!

Our CWI "touring piper" Al (MacTavish) Smith entertained us all while we dined and chatted, playing both his Scottish and Irish pipes, not simultaneously although that would be a neat trick for next time AL? Highly sought after gimmick prizes were

then awarded to Diana Hanson, Al Smith, Chris Davis and Steve Stone. These admittedly less than prestigious "awards" were for their individual various comments, actions, or indiscretions which had made us all laugh (snigger?) throughout the weekend. Then alas, after many relaxing hours in wonderful company it was time to thank our hosts Kathy and Carleton for opening up their home, and for all their stellar hard work in providing us a most convivial and enjoyable day.



If you took part in the Tour you will definitely want to come to the Holiday Party on Jan 18 to see many, some no doubt incriminating, photographs of the weekend. If you didn't attend the Tour you will want to see the photos to see what you missed, and hear of plans for drives throughout next Spring, Summer and Fall. Locations are already being talked about and activities planned. Oh, and by the way, our anonymous "chap" says good weather is an absolute certainty!

Trevor



## SCCA Rally

I recently moved to Madison, Wisconsin (from Colorado) and am interested in putting on car rallies in this area. I am planning a 100 mile Sunday afternoon car rally for next June 7th. It will start and finish at Gray's Tied House in Verona, just south of Madison. It will be conducted as an SCCA Regional rally and SCCA will provide insurance coverage for the event.

This will be a time-speed-distance (TSD) rally that will run in the beautiful country roads to the west of Madison - similar to the roads that your club enjoyed on your Potosi Brewery Tour earlier this year. The event will be designed for the enjoyment of people who are new to TSD rallies.

I am writing to inquire whether your CWI-PCA would be interested in participating in this event. Participation could be as simple as offering a Porsche class for your members or it could become a joint SCCA/PCA event, depending on your club's level of interest.

If you think this may be of interest to your club, let me know and we can talk further. If you like, I would be happy to attend your club meeting this Wednesday and we could discuss it further at that time. Best Regards, Jim Crittenden, 970-261-2144



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