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CWI Autocross, State Fair Park, Milwaukee

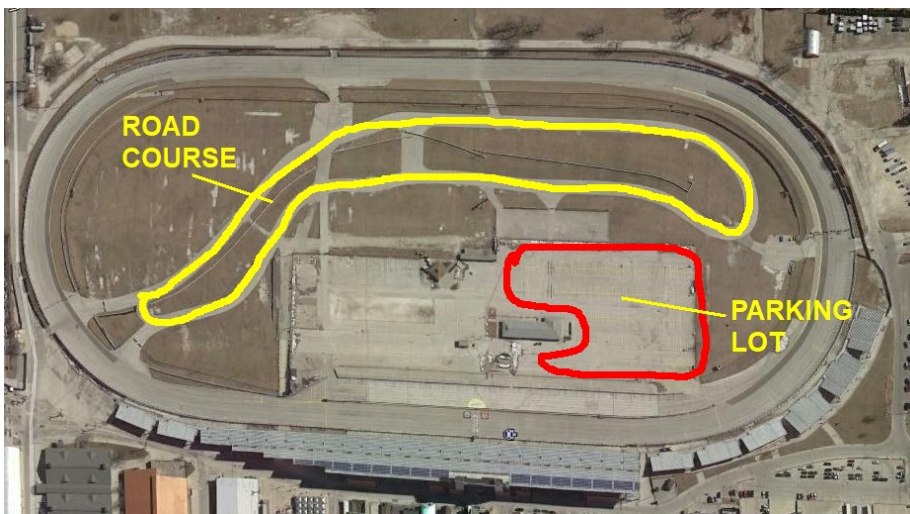
Turnout was light, we had 8 cars show up to run. It was great for those of us who were participating, we each had at least 14 runs for the day. You can't get that much seat time at anyone else's autocross events.

As we were setting up this course in the parking area of the Milwaukee Mile infield, we noticed that there appears to be a small road course on the east side of the lots. We inquired about using that as well as the parking area but were told we could not use it this time due to some setup they were doing for another event. If we want to use that part of the infield we will need to reserve it as well as the lots.

This has us thinking, how much fun it would be to combine a road course similar to Sugar River, with a parking lot autocross. We will be thinking about this over the winter and maybe next year we will do that. It could be over two minutes of run time per lap. What fun it would be!

We think this has some merit and could be a good draw for members of other PCA regions. Stay tuned for next year.

We may also do two events at Madison International Speedway next year too. That is a fantastic course.



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CWI-PCA Calendar

Nov. 21, Wed 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting, Lee's Automotive, Madison

Feb. 20, Wed. 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting, Lee's Automotive, Madison

Dec. 19, Wed. 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting, Lee's Automotive, Madison

Mar. 20 Wed. 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting, Lee's Automotive, Madison

Jan 20, Sun. 11:00 AM CWI-PCA Holiday Party, Doolittles Woodfire Grill, Madison



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

No snow yet but predictions for November are cold and stormy. I have both Porsches ready for their winters nap. Oils changed and battery tenders on. But, if we have a nice dry day, they may still see some drive time.

We had a short autocross season this year. One event at Sugar River, one at Madison International and one at the infield of the Milwaukee Mile. It is very difficult to get track locations. Everyone is afraid of liability. These are all fantastic locations, each with different challenges. Our last event at the Milwaukee Mile was a lot of fun. Our son Andrew was home visiting so we had a chance to take both cars over to the event and run. He prefers the Cayman and ran that for all his runs at the event but he took the 944 Turbo for the drive home. When we got back to the garage he said to me, "now I know why you keep this car. It's so smooth and comfortable on the highway but drop it down a gear and floor it and it takes off!" Yes son, that's precisely why it still has a position in my garage, and no....you can't have it yet.

Our Zone 13 PCA rep. Jack Stephensen ran in our last event in Milwaukee and had a great time in his Boxster. He later e-mailed us some suggestions for things we should include in our events for safety. We need to make some flags for the corner workers to use to flag down cars on the course if we want them to stop the run. We also should purchase some high visibility vests for the corner workers to wear to make them more visible to the vehicle on the track. All good ideas, so we will be adding those items to the box of "stuff" we carry to the track.


The next issue will be electronic like this one, but we will also mail out a printed copy with the RSVP form for the CWI-PCA Holiday Party. We will be going back to Doolittles Woodfire Grill on Sunday January 20. Hope to see you there!

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LAURA AND JAMIE'S FALL MYSTERY TOUR

(Laura somewhat foolishly delegated Trevor to do this write up. She and the Editor will no doubt demand he never do another!)

The weekend of October 5th thru 7th saw the much anticipated Mystery Fall Tour. Frequent communications from Laura Prellwitz, over many previous months as to who, when and where we would meet up, along with our car details and contact information were regularly updated - BUT without so much as the tiniest clue as to what we would actually be doing! I guess that's the idea of a "mystery." Although on reflection I think "bring a waterproof and sweater" might also have been mentioned! The deliberately scant information had really added to the expectation and further enhanced the anticipation for those who had signed up. It was clearly going to be an extremely well planned event by Laura and husband Jamie. Aren't they always!

So, Susan and I left a very grey and drizzly Oregon soon after lunch on the Friday and headed NW for Manitowoc where we had heard the sun always shines! Now steady or even heavy rain I can take, but constant light misty drizzle is so annoying. Our 2002 C4S had no intermittent wiper setting that remotely matched the type and level of precipitation for the almost three hour drive. Rain must be different in Germany! So, very frequent, sometimes five second intervals, sometimes seven, sometimes fifteen and every second in between, on/off operation of the wiper stalk for just the ONE wipe was required. I once thought rain sensing wipers were a stupid and totally unnecessary extravagance but not now. Dinosaur that I am, I also once thought heated seats, electric windows and GPS navigation unnecessary. Am still not convinced about the latter! Lucy, our nickname for the sweet dulcet toned but often location accuracy challenged Garmin voice gets me lost frequently. She totally unapologetically strands us in the middle of various unfamiliar cities stating *"please make your way to the nearest route!"* *"That is what **you** are supposed to do"* I yell, but completely unflustered at my frustration she pays no attention whatsoever! Aghhh! Still I suppose Lucy demonstrates very realistic female to male, and vice versa, human behavior!

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Anyway, rant over and back to what I was asked/instructed to do and write about the tour! So, along with eleven other cars who also braved the very inclement weather we duly arrived at the Manitowoc Holiday Inn, and turned off our very over used wipers. We were in good time to gather for a social couple of hours before heading out to dinner. Laura had arranged a sort of quiz involving Porsche experiences which meant asking all other tour participants questions. Each person had to get "sign offs" on our respective question sheets if the person they asked had accomplished any of the said experiences. The questions were such as **"Have you personally changed the oil in your Porsche," "Have you ever driven a Porsche in Germany"** and **"Does the Part Number of the LH front upper suspension arm of a 1999 Boxster (not an S) begin with 5?"** Ok, I made the last one up but you get the idea! Needless to say, not being very good at quiz type challenges, (or any challenge at all according to Susan) I was the last to finish but the purpose was, and it worked very well, everyone got to strike up a conversation with everyone else. A great way of getting to know everybody. The odd beer and/or glass of wine plus some excellent "nibbles" to munch on helped the conviviality too!

We dined well that evening in a private room in a restaurant of a local golf club. There were prizes for people who had completed the quiz accurately – lots of goodies including wine, and a few pairs of much prized socks which were much envied by the unlucky non-winners. The socks had **GAS** on one and **CLUTCH** on the other. It was mentioned by some wag that PDK car owners won't wear out the left one! Another issue that occurred to me was, that should one put the socks on the wrong feet in the dark (50/50 chance after all!) it could be very dangerous operating the clutch with the right foot and the gas pedal with the left! It is perhaps mean to say it but as I sadly, but not at all unsurprisingly, didn't win a pair and envy not at all in my nature, I will! In witnessing a couple of the driver's erratic progress the

Fall Tour Wrap up, cont.

following day maybe they did put their new socks on in the dark! □

A Silent Auction was also held, actually over both of the nights we had dinner. Bob Burress had brought dozens of Porsche items, *"clearing out some of his trove from over the years"* he said and all proceeds were to go to his and Carol's choice of charity. There were bargains to be had, Porsche commemorative coins, flags, books, key fobs, battery maintainers, bags, posters, etc. etc. and bid on they duly were! Sadly there was no C4S wiper stalk as I was sure my much overused one was completely worn out. There was also an Alpaca scarf donated by Laura and a photograph of a classic Porsche that some amateur "snapper" had very optimistically put forward. Any proceeds from the photo were to help a young Madison couple and baby son whose home was all but destroyed in the September floods. They were not insured as most folks cannot be for such events, and face many months of very costly restoration before they will be able to move back in. Bob's and Laura's items, raised a magnificent \$241 and the photograph another \$220, which was so generously bid on by Steve and Cindy Zastrow for a grand total, (wait - I need a calculator) of \$461! Bob and Carol, having heard of the plight of the flooded couple, then very graciously decided to change their nominated charity and add the proceeds from Bob's and Laura's items to the cash from the photograph to the young couple. Thanks to all who bid on the items – what a super bunch of folks you were.

Below is the text of the Email received when they heard of the group's donation.

Trevor,

Thank you so very much! That is incredibly generous of all the Porsche people who contributed. We are touched by such thoughtfulness. It will be a great help in getting back into our house. While this has been a rough experience, we've been amazed and heartened that the world is full of wonderful people - as you have all exemplified.

With much appreciation,

James, Liz, & Colin

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny. Well it was at 10,000 ft, way above the thick grey thick cloud base but sadly not below it where we were. Laura wisely postponed the start of our drive by 30 mins for the weather to improve. I did consider going back to bed but was given a look by Mrs. P that suggested it may not be a wise move! Sure enough the rain stopped and we didn't see another drop all day! Before the briefing by Laura – or it may have been after – lack of sleep does that to me – we assembled for the group photo.



Group Photo – everybody in it other than Laura, our "boss" who took the pic.

At the morning briefing each car was given a series of sealed envelopes containing the details of the events of the day. Actually, the navigators were handed the envelopes as the cars were German and the contents being written in English might put the cars at an unfair linguistic disadvantage. We were sworn not to open successive envelopes until each of the previous mystery stops during the day had been completed. I won't name names but I suspect one or two totally disobeyed this clear mandate! There was definitely a rush to follow immediately behind Laura and Jamie's lead car once it was clear that after the first one or two mystery stops, cheese, chocolate or a free ice cream were on offer! One didn't want to arrive towards the rear group and still be parking up when all the front arrivals were inside ravenously devouring the goodies - just saying! However, if a certain C4S happened per chance to be near the front on the odd occasion it was just that – pure chance!

The tour took in some great Porsche roads tempting those of us who have not travelled much in this area to want to return. As mentioned, as well as some excellent viewpoints, our mysteries kept happening as more envelopes were opened and the next route and stop were revealed.



View across Lake Michigan – note the cloud layers – but no rain!

After traversing some really excellent countryside, visiting the aforementioned locations it was time for yet another envelope to be opened. We were to visit a car show run by Fox Valley PCA members Roy and Darlene Geigel. Roy has quite an enviable collection of cars but there were also to be many “visiting” cars on display.

Proceeds from donations, sale of items, a 50/50, and from the sale of food and beverages were to aid victims of domestic abuse. Our Porsches lined up in the road outside as the buildings and grounds were already packed with vehicles from many eras and marques. There were also some excellent restorations as well as fine examples of lovingly cared for Ferraris, a fine replica Ford GT40, Vipers, Corvettes, MGs, Healy Sprites, Hudsons, a couple of Porsches (plus our dozen unofficial ones) and on and on. My favorite though was a battered, rusty, mouse infested and long forgotten” International” truck, not part of the show, but languishing way back on the property in a field.



**International Truck –
Restoration project anyone?**

I also spoke for ages with a charming and very enthusiastic Hudson owner who had fully restored his car over many years. He had photos of the car as he bought it – it was not in much better condition than that International truck !



A beautifully restored Hudson. Great nose - did they model the Boeing 747 Jumbo on it?

It was certainly a well-attended and extremely well-organized show and we learned later that the proceeds raised for the charity achieved their goal of some \$20,000. Wow, it just shows that car enthusiasts really are generous folks.

And we were still not done for the day! The next envelope revealed wine tasting and seeing some Alpacas! We followed Jamie who had previously dropped off Laura at the location presumably to prepare and calm the animals for the arrival of twelve Porsches and their raucous exhaust notes! We sampled a wide range of very worthy wines from Argentina along with some cheese and chocolate to complement the respective wine varieties. Some folks, it sadly has to be said, sampled far more wine than others, but what happens at an Alpaca farm stays at an Alpaca farm. Then we learned a lot about Alpacas from Laura. For those who aren't at all knowledgeable about these fine creatures and think of them as very similar to Llamas, it is easy to tell the difference.

Llamas have long banana shaped ears and are typically much bigger. I knew that of course but was glad that Laura pointed it out for others. There were lots of other details and information but if you would like to know more do contact Laura who really is an expert and real enthusiast. Our group then fed around six or seven Alpacas – or was it maybe eight? The wine may have affected my ability to count. We penned the animals in, sitting in a large semi-circle (we were sitting not the Alpacas) with various colored feeding bowls on our laps that looked suspiciously liked upturned Frisbees to me but weren't apparently. Anyway, Alpacas eat voraciously and they each wandered between our seated throng chomping and licking each upturned frisbee – sorry bowl, until not a morsel remained. The whole process took just a couple of minutes. They then totally ungratifyingly queued up at the exit door to be let back out into their field. Truly wonderful, elegant and intelligent creatures with clearly very different personalities. The leaders and followers were clear to see. Then the Alpaca store was visited by some of our contingent, offering all kinds of apparel made from Alpaca wool. I am not making a point here but most of the clientele was from what is oft described as the fairer sex. Hopefully I might get some lovely warm socks for Christmas? I should note, in an effort at gender behavioral balance, that one or two of the men were also seen buying up bottles of the excellent South American wines!



An Alpaca – note the “not Llama” ears – there will be a test when we next meet!

Then it was time for some more enjoyable country road driving back to the hotel before heading out for dinner at an Italian restaurant just a couple of miles up the road. There was much fun and laughter recounting the events of the day - I think even more wine was consumed by some! The second phase of the auction went on throughout the evening and the food was really good. Alas, the service was - how can we put this --“interesting” to witness. Dishes seemed to arrive at the wrong tables, not be as ordered with some orders not appearing at all necessitating hurried reordering and no doubt much panic in the kitchen. But it mattered not, did not diminish from the fun we all had, and the service disorganization was even the subject of much hilarity among us!

The time passed all too quickly and it was time to toast Laura and Jamie for what had been a truly excellent couple of days. The attention to detail in the planning and execution of the tour was exemplary and windshield wipers, even on an intermittent setting, were not required!

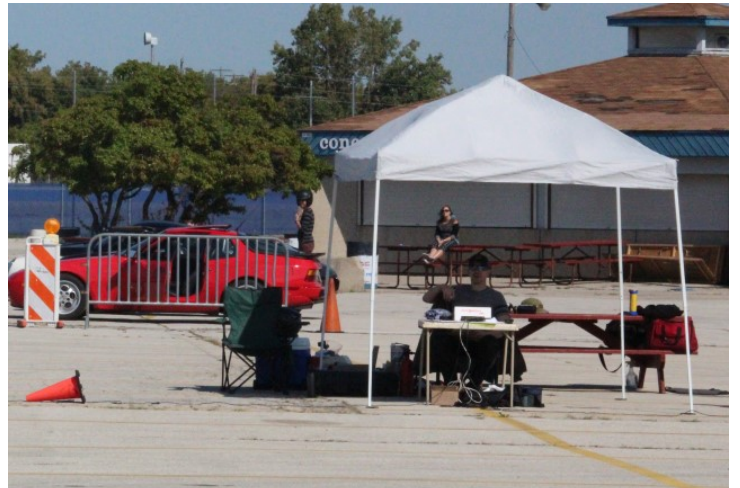
Manitowoc as a city, and we only saw just a little of it, has much to commend it, is much bigger than I expected, has charm, is clean and seemingly has a good vision for its future. Despite some recent industry losses which obviously have an effect on any location, it is a place and area worthy of much further exploration. Manitowoc Chamber of Commerce and Department of Tourism please put a check in the post!

Thank you so much, Laura and Jamie for all your hard work and to all the group for making it such fun.

Please Note:

The above account is based on an actual event although some details may have been omitted or confused by the poor recall of the author!

Milwaukee Mile Autocross Photos



Marketplace

For Sale: 1987 Porsche 924S Black \$4,999. It's been in the family since bought new So I have all service records (I am the 3rd family member to own the car so title has changed hands a couple times) Excellent condition has 134,000 original miles. 5 speed manual. Drives like new. Perfect mechanical condition, Does not need any work. I drive it multiple times a week when it's good weather. Interior is in great condition, other than a few cracks in the dashboard plastic. Leather seats in good condition. Recent work includes new fuel pump, fuel filter, front Shock and strut assembly, new stereo and speakers. (I do still have original blaupunkt tape deck)

All scheduled maintenance, Never seen snow. No accidents. Non-smoker. Title in hand. Please note A/C is not working, I just take the removable sunroof off on warm summer days and enjoyed the breeze. The windshield wiper pump is also not working.

This is a rare car and gets lots of looks whenever I drive it. Great performance and very fun to drive especially since car has a 48/52 weight distribution and can handle curves at a high speed. Add to your Porsche collection!

Car is located on the west side of Madison if anyone is interested in taking it for a test drive.

See photos on craigslist link below

madison.craigslist.org/cto/d/porsche-924s-1987/6732901655.html

Thanks, Joel 608-509-4177 Bodilly@gmail.com

For Sale; Set of new tires with wheels to fit 996. Contact Christopher Davis at Pinnacle Auto Spa 608-575-6959, <https://pinnacleautospa.net/>



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For Sale: 1977 924 : Runs well, well maintained (e.g., new timing belt), many years of maintenance records available, very clean, no rust, interior & exterior covers, sun roof, custom detailing, originally a California car, 4 owners, fancy Porsche wheels, some extra parts, stored winters. \$6000. Mileage: 54,000 miles, Exterior Color: Yellow. Interior Color: Black. Contact Paul at [608-233-2898](tel:608-233-2898) see <http://www.flussigmagazine.com/17/post/2015/04/1977-porsche-924-usd6000.html#comments>



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