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2015 Porsche 918 Spyder, the \$1 million green monster: Motoramic Drives

By Matt Davis / Motoramic

It's the dawn of a new age of supercars. That's the drama I sensed as I made the various connections to Valencia, Spain, and the off-season test circuit used by Formula 1 squads where I would drive the Porsche 918 Spyder.

It's the first of an evil trio of wild exoticars emerging from Europe in the coming months, with Germany's \$845,000 Spyder followed by the \$1.2 million McLaren P1 from England, and Italy's \$1.2-million Ferrari LaFerrari. In-depth comparisons between

litany of facts and decimal points, but I want to minimize that. I was feeling childlike and nervous because I wanted to just *drive* the sucker on this heady track. Knowing all the points on the 918 where titanium bolts have shaved off grams of weight could wait. The plan: five fast laps of the 2.5-mile circuit with the middle three being the fastest. The guys at Porsche just told me not to risk dinging their very expensive pre-production 918s and to use the laps at will as an opportunity to try out the five driving modes selectable with the "map switch" at the lower right of the steering wheel. I was at no time to get sneaky and switch off the electronic stability control nor the traction control. (Maybe next time.) But the 918's complicated power sources do need a brief explainer. The 918 Spyder is a true plug-in electric hybrid, with the fuel cap at the left rear cabin pillar and the electric plug-in outlet at the right rear pillar. A new 4.6-liter naturally aspirated V-8 sucking down high-test gas from behind the two passengers churns 599 hp at a high 8,700 rpm, and 398 lb.-ft. of torque that drops off at 6,700 rpm. The gas-powered engine rarely runs alone, thanks to two electric motors: one 127-hp unit in front with a single gear ratio acting solely on the front axle up to 165 miles per hour, and a 154-hp motor at the back axle that boosts rear-wheel power and torque right up to the 214-mph top speed directly via the seven-speed Porsche dual-clutch transmission. Total power therefore equals 875 hp, while available torque ranges between 590 and 944 lb.-ft. The hefty 3,691-lb. 918 can accelerate to 60 mph in 2.5 seconds, according to Porsche's official statistics.

I guarantee you that that figure is sandbagging.

How you interact with this three-pronged drive-powertrain depends on the flavor you choose from the map switch: E-Power, Hybrid, Sport Hybrid, Race Hybrid and Hot Lap. In pure electric E-Power mode, the 918 can reach 93 mph for sustained periods; lawfully driven, the 918 can travel 19 miles on electrons alone. As you'll be needing these e-boost bursts most while in either E-Power or Hot Lap, it is in these two extremes where the

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the three are already being made, some even choosing a favorite and a fastest just on paper and from photos. While inevitable, I say avoid it because all three of them are fabulous and beautiful cars, each with its own approach, priorities, and warp-speed thrills.

This new age of utterly *über* drives is also meant to be a relatively green one in a clear nod to pollution-choked Chinese cities. But, make no mistake, the greener P1 is bound to be quicker and more drivable than the notorious F1 before it; likewise the LaFerrari versus the Enzo, and ditto if we put this 918 Spyder up against its predecessor the Carrera GT. How extremely far these particular hairy monsters of the road have come in their sheer quickness and sophistication can convert even the most staunch retro grump. The European rating for miles per U.S. gallon for the 918 reads an average 78.4 mpg combined city and highway from the 18.5-gallon tank, though our EPA figures are always lower.

The risk with any Porsche test is getting kidnapped into a

Porsche 918 Spyder

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regenerative engine braking and actual brake pedal regen of the Porsche carbon-ceramic brakes are at their height. You can thus fully recharge the 304-lb., 6.8-kWh lithium-ion battery assembly in 25 minutes or less under the proper conditions, the same time it takes to do so at a DC quick-charge station while parked.

The car I drove all day and which you see here in white with a flame livery up front — referred to as the Salzburg livery and commemorating the paint scheme from one of the company's Le Mans winning 917 racecars of the 1970s — has all the toys to maximize any track day. This optional Weissach Package — named after Porsche's hallowed research center in the town of Weissach — takes some 90 pounds off the car, from a multitude of significant carbon fiber touches to magnesium wheels that save 33 pounds per set. Cost to you is \$84,000, or the base sticker price of a new 911 Carrera.

On the first "easy" lap out of the pits, I was in E-Power mode and the way all of that immediate e-motor torque front and rear pulls the 918 along would honestly offer more than enough for most people. My car wagged its tail prettily and never out of control through the early tightest turns on cold tires, and I have never yet felt that much momentum in an EV. Hybrid mode is what most owners will use outside of city centers, and it is fairly familiar in its behavior — just that here you're moving faster and are thinking faster as curves rush up to the nose of the car. The system's chief goal here is to conserve fuel and recoup energy for the battery, so the engine runs sparingly. Transitions between engine-on and engine-off in the E-Power and Hybrid modes arrive sweetly, without any shunt or hesitation, while making a great noise. Sport Hybrid is where the drama really ignites, as the 4.6-liter V8 is on at all times and the electric motors are serving the V-8 to evenly boost performance as needed. Then, rotating the map switch to the "R" of Race Hybrid, throttle response and shifts from the PDK gearbox truly pop and the boost from the e-motors takes on more peak moments to punch you ahead exactly when you need it. And finally, Hot Lap is accessed via the red button at the center of the map switch only if you are in Race Hybrid mode. The 918 here grabs everything all three players of the powertrain can give. In Hot Lap, the driver can fully drain the lithium-ion battery stack if required — a risky strategy for long-term battery health, but hey, it's Hot Lap time!

The chief addictions for me of the 918 Spyder start with the unbelievable grip provided by the special Michelin UHP tires — 20-inch front and wide 21-inch rear — and the remarkably faithful electronic steer-

ing. Then there are the sounds happening all around me in full-tilt Race or Hot Lap mode, the popping of the PDK gearbox, and the song of what is perhaps Porsche's most outstanding exhaust system. And when I'm at the track and set loose, these myriad sounds and mechanical symphonies never stop, and I do not want them to stop. Those twin exhaust pipes pooching out behind the occupants' heads? Total badass. The sound is as close as a civilian will ever get to that of the racing Porsche RS Spyder.

Besides the ongoing stereophonics of the drive, a separate impressive constant was the ride of the adaptive chassis over both smooth asphalt and rough stuff. This version of Porsche Active Suspension Management on such an over-engineered stiff chassis is the best I have yet felt on Porsche's new generation of products. The single-piece carbon fiber reinforced plastic bucket seats give ideal lateral support, though it would be good to include some sort of bladder system for more lower back support; I was feeling too forcibly hunched forward.

What's more revelatory was how the front electric motor puts urgency into the front axle — smoothly yanking the 918 out of every hard curve. It's a new sensation, and I know that if other all-wheel supercars do not provide me with this great feeling, I'll probably whine about it. Between the participatory front axle, the electronically activated locking rear differential, a 43/57 front/rear weight split, and rear-wheel steer-



ing, the total agility pumping through the loins of the 918 is what enthusiastic drivers dream of. We want to *feel* it doing what it does for us.

Production of the first 918 Spyder started on September 18 in Stuttgart and the 918th 918 is scheduled to be finished at the end of February 2015. Just over half of the production run has been sold with a significant uptick after the production 918's unveiling at last September's Frankfurt motor show and the announcement of the record 6:57 lapping of the Nürburgring Nordschleife.

What would a 918 Spyder be like, though, with a charged version of the 4.6-liter V-8 and that fantastic front-axle e-motor using a dedicated much smaller lithium-ion battery stack, losing roughly 500 pounds of equipment? It's an irresponsible, inefficient thought I got in my head while dreaming between curves. The greatest performers always leave you wanting more.

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Something German
ROTKOHL (Homemade Red Cabbage)

(By: Jennifer McGavin – German Foods – About.com)

Looking for a nice warm winter side dish to serve with a Sunday dinner and you want to add a little German taste to it? Then try this wheat free side dish.

Prep Time: 25 min. Cook Time: 3 hrs. Total Time: 3 hrs. 25 min. Servings: 4

Ingredients:

2 1/2 oz. bacon , either American or German “Bauchspeck”, chopped	4 cloves
1/2 c. onion diced	1/2 c. dry, red wine
4 c. shredded red cabbage, about 1 lb.	1/2 c. apple juice
1 T. sugar or agave nectar or honey	1 bay leaf
1 apple, peeled and quartered	Ground black pepper

Preparation:

Brown bacon in a dutch oven. Add onions and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the cabbage and cook for 2-3 minutes. Pour in red wine and juice to deglaze, add the spices, sugar and apple.

Simmer on stove top for 2-3 hours, stirring occasionally. Keep the liquids one finger width (1/2 inch) deep, adding apple juice or water. Adjust seasonings. Serve hot.

NOTE: This recipe freezes well. Make it once, serve it twice. Put it in freezer bags and press it flat (1 inch) so that it thaws quickly. You can also break off 1 serving and keep the rest frozen.



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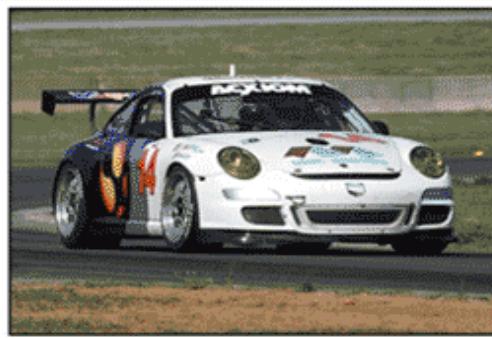
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2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

(By: Jackie Dasen)

Happy New Year everyone! Another year has come and gone. For those that lost loved ones we send our condolences and hold you in our prayers. For those that saw new little ones enter their lives we congratulate you and wish you hear of joy and happiness.

Regardless of how 2013 was for you, good, bad, indifferent or just there, 2014 is a chance to look ahead. Join in on some Porsche events, meet some new friends, have old friendship continue to bloom and blossom, enjoy time away from the daily grind of life by escaping in your P-car. So make plans to participate in some events this year. As in years past we'll have plenty to do. Keep watch on the website for postings of up-coming events through the forum and the page itself, check your emails for the electronic version of the newsletter on non-mailing months (we are going back to four "snail" mail mailings due to the high cost of postage), and of course check your mail box on the mailing months for the newsletter.

As in years past we've had several major events that club members attended as well as lots of smaller local events. We've traveled near and far for events and we look to continue this in the future as our club grows and expands. As always ANY member is welcome to plan event. Just put it together and then get with one of the officers so we can get it on the calendar. We highly encourage members to create, manage and run events they'd like to see happen, so as our little German mascot, Stuie Dasen would say, Just do it!

Some of last year's that were outside of our home state of South Carolina were the Brumos Porsche Swap Meet and Car Show. Several members traveled down to Brumos in Jacksonville, FL. Ken and I entered our 2008 Cayenne in the car show, while several other members sold some goods in the swap meet. We were also given the pleasure of seeing the newly redesigned 2013 Cayman unveiled that day. At the end of the meet and show several FL Porsche friends escorted us to great Jacksonville eatery along the river. It was a treat and very unique. You had to be there to understand. Ken and I also had the pleasure of spending the weekend with fellow 928 friends. Porsche friends are truly the best and it is events like these where we find new friends in the Porsche world.

Another out of state event that we held this year was our annual "mountain escape". As you've come to know we have begun alternating between a "relaxed" mountain trip and a "spirited" mountain trip each year. This year was our relaxed trip as we traveled to the mountains of Georgia and the Bavarian village of Helen, GA. Not only did we get to enjoy a nice drive to the mountains with lots of Porsche's turning heads in route to our destination we also had the pleasure of visiting a PCA member owned winery close by. Ask anyone that attended the views from the winery (and within the garages) were stunning. The wine tasting was an added bonus as well as lunch at the winery. We were even treated to our own private parking area where we had a spectacular view (downward) of our precious P-cars. Thanks to the folks of Wolf Mountain winery for a great weekend. Of course I know Jennifer will NEVER forget the "Spitting Rabbit" episode as we traveled from Helen to the winery.

Another yearly event that more and more members have been attending is the annual Rolex 24 hours of Daytona. As in the years past, Gordon King had the ultimate set up. This is an awesome race as well as a great place to meet new friends, enjoy the company of old friends and wonder the garages and pits of some awesome race teams and race cars. Of course we've got some people running in these races too. Cory Friedman and the Autometric team runs in the Continental Tires race on Friday and of course Lehman Keen drives in the 24 hour race. Congratulations go out to Leh for helping the Scudari Ferrari team bring home a championship last year. Look for Leh in the WeatherTech Porsche in 2014! If you have yet to make it to a Rolex race you need to add it to your bucket list of things to do. It is just an awesome time. My dad made his first race appearance last year and the first thing on the way back home was "I can't wait till next year." He's going again.

Our Myrtle Beach group continues to have their monthly Sunday drive and dines so make sure you check this year's calendar regularly so you join in on one. MB also hosted the OktoberFest again this year and from what I've heard (we were in Frederick, MD with Stuie for his presentation at the Washington Metro DachtoberFest for winning their poster campaign) it was a great event. Look for it again this year. I'm sure Todd or Chuck up in Myrtle Beach would be more than happy to have members in that area help out with these drives or even planning more events for members up in that area.

Our summer Anniversary party this year was the tops. We had close to 90 people in attendance and we really need to extend many thanks to Michelle and Herman Porter for opening their home to us. As always it was a great time with great people. Despite the threat of bad weather we had a gloriously beautiful day to spend at the beach. We'll have to wait and see where this year's will be. THANK YOU MICHELLE and HERMAN for your hospitality.

As in the past years our club has become involved in two major car show events in our region. The first is the Annual Trident Tech Car Show held the last weekend of each April. All proceeds from the show go to the Automotive Students at the college. This event is headed up by our own club member Cliff Hudson. Thanks for all your dedication to the car world and the future technicians that will be taking care of our automobiles. Mark your calendar for this year's April 26, 2014.

Our other big car show is the Annual Veteran's Victory House Car Show in Walterboro. This is also our annual Porsche Corvette Car Club Challenge. This challenge came about several years ago when Walterboro Cruisers Club member Barry Crosby challenged the two clubs to see who could bring the most club cars to the show. The first year of the "official" challenge (yes there is a trophy for the winner) our PORSCHE's won, the second year the Corvettes took it from us. Last year we set out to reclaim the coveted prized trophy (both car emblems are on it). We did win the trophy back but we presented it back to the Corvette club. Why you ask? The Thursday before the show, the Corvette club lost one of their most prestigious members, Chuck Sheldon. Chuck was instrumental in keeping the Porsche Corvette Challenge going. He was one of its biggest supporters. Chuck was with us that day, only he was enjoying the show from heaven above. It was in Chuck's honor that the Corvette Club retained the trophy in 2013. Now this year, 2014, we need it back at our dealership! So mark your calendar – Saturday, May 10, 2014. Be there! (Stuie again) .CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

The annual Hilton Head Concours event for 2013 saw the Porsche as the marque of the weekend. Several members made the trek south for this coveted event. A few members had their cars on display, Josh Stolarz, Kevin Zeminickas and Gordon King. Sorry if I missed anyone. This is a show to be seen. The cars, even non-Porsche's are awesome. Make time to get to HH this year for the annual event.

We concluded, 2013 with our annual Holiday party. As always the food was great but the gift exchange was the highlight of the evening, just ask Cliff Hudson. We'd like to thank Joe and Lisa for hosting the party at their plantation and thanks Ron and Roy from Hilton Head Porsche for making the journey from HH after closing a deal on a new car to join in our festivities.

So as 2014 begins so does another year of Porsche activities. We all have busy, hectic lives but I for one know that time in my beloved German automobile is always enjoyable. If you find yourself stressed, get in your P-car, put the windows or top down and just enjoy the precision engineering surrounding you. PORSCHE = stress release.

As always we encourage ALL members to get involved.



SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 15 – Gathering at Bob Woodmans to talk DE
March 15 – Dine and Drive to Harold's
April 13 – Drive with Hurricane Region - Charleston
April 26 – Trident Tech Annual Car Show - Charleston
May 10 - Porsche Corvette Challenge at the Veterans Victory House Car Show – Walterboro
May 18 – Myrtle Beach BBQ – Huntington Beach
June 15 – Porsche Parade Monterey, CA
Sept 13 – Tail of the Dragon – Mountain trip
Oct – TBA – OktoberFest – Myrtle Beach or Charleston
Nov 1-2 – Hilton Head Concours – Hilton Head
Nov 6-9 - Porsche Escape to Disney – Orlando, FL
(National Event similar to Parade)

Myrtle Beach group will continue their Sunday drive and dines on the 3rd Sunday of each month

We will also be scheduling more Drive and Dines in the Charleston area as well as putting together a Photo Drive and Dine. There will also be numerous DE's throughout the year for those who enjoy time on the track.

We are currently searching for a venue to hold our annual Anniversary Party please contact one of the board officers if you have any suggestions.

All our upcoming club sponsored events as well as events that might be of interest to members are listed in our calendar that appears in each newsletter and most are posted on the website in the forum. Please be advised that some events DO REQUIRE an RSVP.

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Competitor of the Year: Richard Boxx
The Red Baron: Dr. Bob Stonerock

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Calendar: Upcoming Events in our Region and Beyond

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	Tue, Jan 14	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	La Hacienda, Tanger Area
	Join us at (La Hacienda, 5070 International Blvd, #121, North Charleston) for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Jan 18	Sun, Jan 19	Driver's Education at Roebling Road	Florida Crown Region PCA
	The Driver's Education program provides a safe, structured, and controlled learning environment for your high performance auto. Track near Savannah, GA. Register at www.clubregistration.net .			
	Sat, Jan 25		Rolex 24 at Daytona	Daytona International Speedway
	The Rolex 24 At Daytona features international stars of DAYTONA Prototype and GT-class racing twice-around-the-clock in the ultimate test of driver and machine. Past race winners include Dario Franchitti, Scott Pruett, Hurley Haywood and Juan Pablo Montoya.			
	Tue, Feb 11	7:00 PM	Monthly Social	TBD
	Join us at TBD for updates from the officers, to talk about upcoming events, and to socialize with your fellow Porschephiles.			
	Sat, Feb 22	Sun, Feb 23	SC Region SCCA AutoX & Novice School	Stratford High School, Goose Creek
	Autocross is the sport of navigating your car through a defined course of cones in a large parking lot, allowing you to find the limits of your car. This event is a 2-day weekend in which Saturday is a Solo Novice School (all drivers wishing to try Solo for the first time are welcome at ANY event, but this weekend will give you personalized instruction and extra seat time), and Sunday is a non-points Solo event. Anyone over 16 years of age with a valid U.S. driver's license (or a younger participant aged 8-15, if driving in our Junior Kart program) is welcome to participate in these events. Starts at 7:30 am each day. Schedule and more info can be found here: www.scsporscar.com Info here: http://www.scsporscar.com/solo/			
	Sat, Apr 12	10 AM - 4 PM	Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels	Lowcountry Regional Airport
	Save the date for the annual Walterboro Wings-n-Wheels event.			
	Sun, Apr 13	TBD	Drive & Dine	Charleston, SC
	Some friends from the Hurricane Region will be in town and want to see some Charleston sites. We will lead them on a drive early in the day and then join them at Southend Brewery late afternoon.			
	Sat, Apr 26	10:00 AM	Trident Tech Car Show	North Charleston, SC
	Save the date for the Trident Technical College Annual Spring Spin-Off Car Show to benefit Auto Program Scholarship Fund.			
	Sat, May 10	10:00 AM	Veterans Victory House Car Show	Walterboro, SC
	Save the date for the Annual Veterans' Victory House Charity Car Show sponsored by the Walterboro Cruisers.			

Breakfast with Dr. Bob, Sunflower Café, West Ashley, 8 am.

Monthly Social, Second Tuesday of each Month, Location TBD. Check website for details.

Note: Calendar events in bold type earn points toward the Palmetto Region Competitor of the Year Award.

For additional information and events outside of the Palmetto Region go to: <http://www.pcapalmetto.org/calendar/>

Other Events on the 2014 Calendar:

2/15/2014	DE at Roebling Road - Florida Citrus	9/6/2014	DE at Roebling Road - Florida Crown
3/7/2014	Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance	9/9/2014	Monthly Social
3/11/2014	Monthly Social	9/19/2014	Drive your Porsche Day
3/15/2014	12 Hours of Sebring	9/20/2014	DE at Roebling Road - Coastal Empire
4/8/2014	Monthly Social	10/14/2014	Monthly Social
5/13/2014	Monthly Social	10/25/2014	Savannah Speed Classic
5/17/2014	PCA Club Race - Roebling Road	11/1/2014	Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance
6/7/2014	DE at Roebling Road - Coastal Empire	11/1/2014	PCA Club Race - CMP
6/10/2014	Monthly Social	11/6/2014	PCA Escape Orlando
6/14/2014	24 Hours of Le Mans	11/11/2014	Monthly Social
6/15/2014	PCA Parade Monterey	12/6/2014	DE at Roebling Road - Coastal Empire
7/8/2014	Monthly Social	TBD	2014 Holiday Party
8/12/2014	Monthly Social		

2013 Holiday Party by Jennifer



The Holiday Party on Friday the 13th was full of good times and not a hint of bad luck given the date! Special thanks to Joe & Lisa for allowing us to use their Party Barn. Thanks to Zone Rep, Jim Cambron and his wife Suki, for making the trip from Alabama. We had a great gathering with good food provided by Southern Occasions arranged by Al Trego. Thanks to Baker and Porsche of Hilton Head for providing door prizes for the evening (and we got to visit with Ron & Roy from HHI in person!). Congrats to annual award winners: Richard Boxx for Competitor of the Year and Dr. Robert "Bob" Stonerock for the Red Barron Award. In the gift exchange, Mason Smith was picked on quite a bit as were a few others, but no one dared take Cliff Hudson's gift! Just remember: **There is no substitute!**

Last Driver's Education of 2013

Congrats to Herman Porter for achieving status as a PCA National Instructor at the Coastal Empire's Instructor school held in early December. Others of us attended the weekend's DE enjoying the weekend with a little less work than Herman. Saturday was beautiful with temps in the low 70's. On Sunday, we put the memento sweatshirts to good use under windy and light mist conditions. The track did dry it out for the most part late Sunday morning, but it was not a good spectator day. This was the last event for the Porter's car, White Trash, before going in for some "enhancement".

We look forward to seeing what those wider fenders and tires will do in their 3rd running of One Lap coming up in May 2014. In the Mills' camp, we are happy to report that adjustments to the rear wing did help the strong splitter down force recently added. Combined with new (and different) tires as well as cooler temps, both car and drivers were happy with the results.



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Drivers Ed. Talk at Bob Woodman's

There will be a gathering at Bob Woodmen's shop in Beaufort on Feb 15 to talk about what is a DE, what do the run groups mean, how sign up, etc. There will be a cookout and door prizes including a free weekend at one of their events.

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Final Thoughts from the Prez...

Thank you for a wonderful 2013! We had many events on our calendar during 2013 - 93 entries to be exact. We recorded attendance at 33 Palmetto Region PCA and other P-car events for consideration in the Competitor of the Year race including monthly socials, monthly drive & dines, a walking rally, and out of town trips (Rolex Race, Brumos Swap Meet, Helen GA, HHI Concours, etc). Our monthly socials averaged 26 attendees. We had record attendance at the Summer Anniversary Party of 86 and almost 70 at the Holiday Party. Thank you as participants and a HUGE thank you to the many folks that help make our fun times happen: our Sponsors, all Palmetto Region Board Officers, Jackie Dasen for trip planning, The Porter's and the Boykin's for hosting us at their homes, Todd & Chuck & the rest of the MB Area for the Oktoberfest and other D&D events, Tug Mathisen for club history & artwork. So what's scheduled for 2014? Good question! First, thanks to all current Board members for agreeing to continue in their respective roles for 2014. The Board will be meeting soon to talk about regularly scheduled events like monthly D&D's and annual charity car shows, but **what do you want to do with your Porsche in the New Year?** Please speak up to any board member with your ideas. We welcome all to help plan events. Some can be rather easy to put together - just check the calendar to see what conflicts may exist and talk to a Board member to confirm Club interest. I look forward to seeing you at the event of your choice in 2014! Jennifer

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