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president's message

Alex Eliuk

Welcome to the last issue of Bear Facts for 2014. I am writing this as I am recuperating from a back operation which I had in the latter part of August. I now have a much better understanding of Betty Davis' famous quote "Getting old isn't for sissies".

Zone 6 Grand Tour

As I've stated in this column previously, 2015 is the year we are going to have a Zone 6 Grand Tour. For newcomers to the club, our Polar Region is one of 16 regions making up Zone 6 of the Porsche Club of America. The zone covers Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Wyoming. A large area indeed. The Tour will be a continuous route, starting and finishing in Seattle, WA, and will cover the best roads in each of the 16 regions. Travelling the whole Tour will take approximately two weeks and 6,500+ KMs. Rather than travelling the whole Tour, you can meet the intrepid travellers enroute at a point of your choosing and drop out anywhere along the way. I can't think of a better way to meet members from other regions within our zone and to drive the best roads each region has to offer. Although the exact dates are still not finalized, mark your calendar for the last week of July and the first week of August, 2015.

Zone 6 Logo

Speaking of Zone 6, the 16 presidents representing each region just voted on a Zone 6 logo. It was one of 57 logos submitted for consideration; I think you'll like it. You'll soon see it on zone letterhead and shoulder patches.

Recap of 2014

We had another event-filled year in 2014. The breakfast tours, the (new this year) Farm tour, the Rosebud Theatre Tour, and the Rocky Mountain Jaunt were all well attended, and my feedback is that all who attended each tour had a great time. The unjudged Concours was a big hit with more than 25 cars participating. Our Cars and Coffee events held at Hawrelak Park were also well attended. We even made some new friends from the Ferrari Club. The 25th Anniversary Banquet was a great success with fine food from Ernest's at NAIT. Our track events could use a little work. Namao was not available to us for Autocross again this year and the one track day we had with Track Junkies and the Driver's Education event that was available to us through the BMW club were not well attended by our club. Rest assured that your 2015 executive will work on all of these track events with a view to improving attendance starting in January.

The Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held November 5th with the executive for 2015 being confirmed.

The Porsche Centre Edmonton

In conclusion, thanks again to the Porsche Centre Edmonton for their continuing support of club activities. The permanent place to hold our club executive meetings, the location for our Concours event, as well as the financial support they provide with fabulous door prizes are very much appreciated by us all. We are truly fortunate to have such a hands-on, receptive dealership in Edmonton.

A Big Welcome to Our New Members

**who have joined since
the last issue of Bear Facts...**

Francois Erasmus	2007 Cayman
Don Fink	1999 911 Carrera
Bill Gillespie	1997 Boxster
Lucky Ho	1995 911 Carrera
Darlene MacDonald	2011 Boxster
William McCulloch	2011 911 Turbo
Jason Morrison	2007 911 GT3
Guy Remillard	1990 911 Carrera 4
Thomas Sikora	2000 Boxster S
Robert Skaggs	2002 911 Turbo
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in the zone



Tim Hagner

It's that time of the year; for a large number of us the Porsche gets tucked away till spring, and our thoughts turn towards the Holidays or those winter "updates"! We got an early snow here in Bend and all the Porsche sports cars disappeared!

But first, let's look back a little bit, Polar Region celebrated their 25th anniversary and I'm happy to say, "I was there". There in Edmonton Canada. Thank you Polar Region for great hospitality, great food and great Porsche camaraderie. Like all the Regions, I'm looking forward to the return trip! I hope to be able to help celebrate many more anniversaries with you.

We drove to the Silver Sage Region, Boise Idaho, to attend their annual charity dinner and auction. This was another great event with both a silent auction, bidding open through dinner, and a regular "bidding war" that was after dinner. The bidding provided some great after dinner entertainment and some really fun items were on the block! During the evening we did get an occasional update on the "Broncos" football score, but not one Duck update! After the bidding

ended and the dust settled, Silver Sage had raised approximately \$10,000 for their two charities. Great job Silver Sage!

Logo update...we have a winner and it has been approved by Porsche Cars as good to go! Because the logo has a likeness of a Porsche in it we needed their approval. We are in the process of a few last minute "tweaks" and will have it out to you very soon. It looks very cool!

This has been a learning year for me, thanks to everyone for your support. Figuring out the travel has been the hardest part, but we mostly got through it all unscathed! For the record it was 5,600 miles driven (mostly the old 930) and approximately 11,500 flying miles, all in support of Zone 6, whew! You're worth it!!

Looking forward, have a happy and safe Holiday season with your family and Porsche friends. I plan on seeing everyone next year!

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upcoming events

Executive Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, 7pm at Porsche Centre Edmonton. You are most welcome to join us; contact our club president Alex Eliuk to confirm. For information on the club and/or its events, contact any executive member as listed on page 3. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook for dates and also changes on events.

Event planning is well underway, although dates for 2015 have not been finalized yet. As always you can expect that the executive team will be providing you with many opportunities to enjoy the wonderful world of Porsche cars and Polar Region membership.

Our executive meetings will resume in February 2015. The **Ladies Christmas lunch will be held on December 19th** at Parkallen Restaurant; RSVP to Ruth Snyder if you plan to attend. Ruth has also asked that you pencil in January 16, February 20 and March 20 for upcoming luncheons.

On behalf of the executive, thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and participants in the 2014 season. We wish you all a happy, healthy warm winter and a great 2015.



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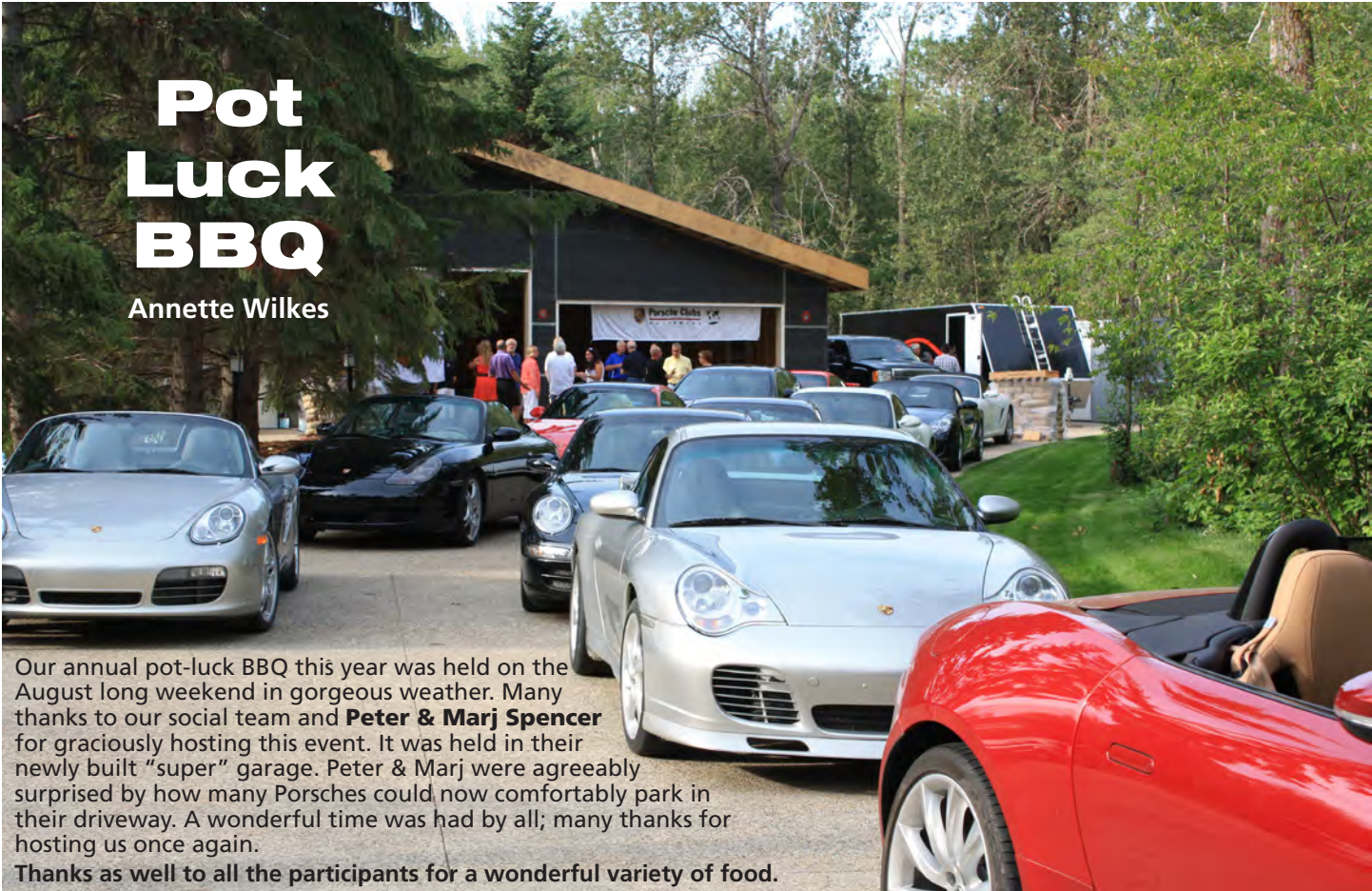
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Pot Luck BBQ

Annette Wilkes



Our annual pot-luck BBQ this year was held on the August long weekend in gorgeous weather. Many thanks to our social team and **Peter & Marj Spencer** for graciously hosting this event. It was held in their newly built "super" garage. Peter & Marj were agreeably surprised by how many Porsches could now comfortably park in their driveway. A wonderful time was had by all; many thanks for hosting us once again. Thanks as well to all the participants for a wonderful variety of food.



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getting to know the club membership director **Bob Wilkes...**

Have you always been a car person?

I was fortunate to grow up in Stratford on Avon, England in the 60s. The Midlands at that time was at the heart of the British motor industry. Jaguars were built 20 miles away in Coventry, MG was a similar distance away in Abingdon and British Leyland, Ford, the Rootes Group (Hillman/Singer/Sunbeam) and Vauxhall had many assembly plants all over England. Racing teams and specialist builders such as Morgan, AC, Aston Martin, Lotus, Jensen and many more were in abundance. I was surrounded by and fascinated by the new models which appeared each year at the Earls Court motor show in London.

Living in the Midlands with an interest in cars, I began my career as an industrial engineer with a company called Automotive Products (AP). This company with worldwide production facilities produced brakes, clutches, gearboxes, steering components etc. for most of the European car companies. My job gave me access to many car plants and nearby racing circuits which were used by AP Racing for product development. All of this further fuelled my love of all things automotive.

Unfortunately as history shows, the U.K. motor industry is now all but gone, with the exception of a few specialist builders and F1 teams. My wife, Annette and I emigrated to Canada in 1977 when it became apparent that the U.K. motor industry was in serious decline. Inter-union strife, a lack of investment and products from Japan of superior quality all contributed to the sad demise of this once great industry.

Tell us about some of the memorable cars that you've owned.

My first car was a Hillman Imp. This small car produced by the Rootes Group was designed to compete with the Mini. Its rear engine was derived from a Coventry Climax racing design and could be easily tuned. Unfortunately the car lacked reliability and provided me with many weekends pulling wrenches. This was not a bad thing as it taught me much about car mechanics and the inner workings of the internal combustion engine. After the Imp I developed a yearning for convertibles and owned a succession of Sunbeam Alpines, a Triumph Spitfire and an MGB. I also became the neighbourhood mechanic, working on other peoples cars in my spare time, and flipping cars which I bought at auction one weekend and sold the next.

My first car in Canada was an early 1200c.c. Volkswagen Beetle which ran great in the summer but often refused to start in the Winter. Many Winter mornings were spent dragging the Volks on a chain behind my friends' reliable V8 in an attempt to "bump" start the engine. The limited heat from the engine fan also meant that in Winter a credit card was a necessity for scraping the ice off the inside of the windshield. A 1600c.c. super beetle with a gas heater replaced the first one which proved to be much better although cold starting in Winter was still a problem. Eventually I learned my lesson and with the onset of a family, a Ford Country Squire Wagon (complete with ugly plastic wood panelling) became the family transport. A series of Honda/Acura products then followed—all of which proved to be utterly reliable. Finally I was able to buy my first Porsche, a 1980 Porsche 911SC.

How long have you been interested in Porsches.

During our time in England in the mid 70s, Annette and I joined the local Coventry and Warwickshire motor club and took part in several rallies both as drivers and marshals. The company that I worked for also had its own motor club which meant that some form of motor sport was available on most weekends. These rallies generally took place on public roads in the early hours of the morning in Wales where local traffic was almost non-existent. This is where I first became acquainted with the glorious sound of a flat six Porsche engine on full song as it raced through the inevitable Welsh fog to our checkpoint. The sound of the engine, the smell of hot oil and the sight of the big Cibie foglights cutting through the gloom is something that I will never forget. It was these early 911s that really piqued my interest in Porsche.

When did you join PCA and the Polar Region?

I bought my first Porsche in 1990, but work and family commitments meant that I didn't join PCA Polar Region until I bought my Boxster in 2005. Lawrence Glazer who sold me my Boxster was instrumental in getting me to join the club and encouraged me to start auto crossing at Namao, which both Annette and I thoroughly enjoyed.

What Porsches have you owned?

My first Porsche was a 1980 Porsche 911SC which was a U.S spec car that I purchased in Vancouver. It was cashmere beige in colour which was not a very common colour for that year. I also owned three different 944s, the last being a 1990 944S2 which was a great

car with low miles built for the Japanese market. I now own a 2005 Boxster which has proven perfect for the travels Annette and I have taken with its front and rear trunks providing lots of room for our luggage.

What Porsche do you want next?

The latest offerings from Porsche are engineering marvels. However, I occasionally yearn for the simplicity of my 911SC, so the last of the air cooled cars i.e. a low mileage unmolested 993 would definitely fit the bill. Unfortunately I am not alone in my love of the last of the air cooled cars., as 993 prices continue to rise rapidly.

Have you ever raced?

My preference while in the U.K. was for rallying. Annette and I took part in several stage rallies getting a mention in the local paper for our efforts. I have not raced in Canada, but Annette and I enjoyed the Polar Region autocrosses when we had access to the Namao base.

Tell us about a recent memorable drive.

Some years ago, we took the Boxster on a trip across Canada and the U.S. Initially we drove to see friends in New Jersey and then visited family in Chicago and Mississauga. We then headed west across the States taking in as many of the covered "Bridges of Madison County" as we could find. We also took in some old west and American history visiting Gettysburg, Mount Rushmore, gravesites of Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood, South Dakota, plus the home of John Wayne in Iowa. We then headed to Yellowstone National Park before heading home as snow was beginning to fly and summer tires were not really appropriate. The car ran faultlessly and the ever changing vista was superb.

Have you ever visited the Porsche Factory or Museum?

In 2010 we went to France to join some friends to take in the 24 hours of Le Mans. This was the year that Peugeot were favourites to win, so it was gratifying to see Audi beat Peugeot, winning LMP1 and Porsche winning GT2. We then went on to the Porsche Factory and Museum in Zuffenhausen. The factory visit was extremely well organised by Porsche, and illustrated the care and attention that goes into each and every car produced there. Considering the number of options one can specify for a Porsche, it is impressive that the correct parts arrive at each work station exactly as specified for a particular build. Just in time delivery keeps warehousing of parts to a minimum.

The new museum was spectacular. We spent several hours there, but could have done with more time. I highly recommend a visit to anyone who hasn't been.

getting to know

eurasia

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This month we are continuing our series highlighting those organizations that support the Polar Region, and as many of you know, Eurasia has been a strong supporter for many years. We will look at the business, get to know whom we might interact with, and learn why we, as individuals, might want to consider dealing with them, if we have not had the opportunity to do so in the past.

Article by **Arthur Potts**
Photo by **Gwen Potts**

The company is currently owned by Paul Conquest, a long time Polar Region member and supporter, but it was started in 1982 by Michael von der Burg. Michael started in a small bay, but the business grew so quickly that in 1984 Eurasia moved to its second location and has continued to grow such that it is now in its fourth location. Eurasia started by offering service to all manner of European and Asian cars, and at one time included a body shop, but the focus has been sharpened over the last 10 years to German cars (Porsche, Audi, VW, BMW, Mini and Mercedes).

Over the years, Paul's role at Eurasia has changed as the company has grown. While Paul still does what is required to make his business a success, he is less involved in daily operations. The business is now managed by a General Manager, and Shop Foreman, accompanied by support staff and nine technicians, to ensure that customer's day to day needs are met.

Although Eurasia is an independently owned shop, they are a Bosch Authorized Service Centre. Bosch provides on-going training as do other suppliers, and as well Eurasia has in house training, all in an effort to ensure that Eurasia's technicians are qualified to perform at the highest level.

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Eurasia comes by its ability to help clients upgrade their cars at least partially as a result of Paul's strong interest in racing Porsches. Over the years Eurasia has helped ensure the proper set-up and performance of Paul's race cars.

Paul Conquest

Paul has owned Eurasia since 2004, but started working on Porsches himself in 1992, when he acquired his first Porsche, a 1987 944 turbo. Paul's automotive roots go deeper than that having helped rebuild engines as a kid.

Racing

Coincidentally, Paul's interest in racing cars started very shortly after acquiring the 944 turbo. In fact, fewer than three weeks after buying the car, Paul had it at Race City, the former Calgary track. Paul went to Race City for many years thereafter and also participated in autocross, continually honing his skills while his interest in racing grew.

Paul is also a driving instructor, and on one occasion, when instructing for the BMW club in Spokane, he was invited to track his car at Infineon Raceway (now Sonoma Raceway). The only challenge, Paul didn't have a car!

He found a Porsche 911 (964), a car currently owned by Peter and Ruth Snyder, and previously owned by News Radio sitcom star, Phil Hartman. Paul picked up the car in Beverly Hills, drove it to the SEMA show, and there fixed brakes and replaced tires in the parking lot! He then drove the car to Infineon.

This experience resulted in Paul's becoming interested in racing at other tracks and a year later culminated in the purchase of a 5-car transporter and the beginning of his Arrive and Drive program (cars were transported to the race track, people flew in and then drove their cars).

Paul owns Track Junkies, a local company that allows people to drive their own car at Castrol Raceway in Edmonton in a controlled, safe environment. He also has a Western Canada Motorsport racing license.

Favourite Cars

So, with all of this racing experience, what do you suppose Paul's favourite cars might be? Would they be elemental, raw, well...you are right. He has two favourites: a 1978 911 SC which was light, nimble, and had an engine note that made him turn off the radio; and a car he still owns, a 2004 GT3 Cup Car. While Paul wishes he still had the 911 SC, he does still own the Cup Car, in fact, he has it in the US for winter racing at various tracks.

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Rocky Mountain Jaunt 2014

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We started south on QE 2 to the Leduc turn-off and from there headed over toward Drayton Valley. Just before Thorsby we took a secondary highway that meandered through the farm fields and local foothills. Since we were there so early on a Saturday morning we only met one car—great stretch of road to get to know your car! Arriving in Drayton Valley, we made a scheduled pit stop at a local gas station full of RVs taking their families out hunting or bush riding. It turned out to be one of those real rugged rural stops; quite an experience.

Back on the road, toward the Brazeau Dam on Highway 620, past Lodgepole and then to the David Thompson Highway. A great country road formally used by the oil industry and recently paved. At the junction of Highway 620 and the David Thompson, a Wild Rose member, that had joined us on the last years Water-ton Jaunt, joined us also. Jim Thompson (same name as the highway coincidentally) and his wife overnighted in a B&B near Rocky Mountain House and he later said it was a very romantic experience. Good on him! Continuing west past Nordegg, we turned into a roadside picnic shelter to

Here we go again,
another Rocky Mountain
adventure—this time into
British Columbia.

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have a lunch break. Jeffries Café had prepared a delicious lunch box and everyone had lunch with lively conversation about the driving experience so far. After lunch we continued west along the gorgeous Abraham Lake to the park entrance. Surprise, surprise—Parks Canada had abandoned the gatehouse so we all were able to quickly enter the park free of charge. This normally takes some time to check in car by car! Our scenic drive continued along the Ice Fields Parkway, spectacular mountains, lakes and rivers, then back onto the Trans Canada Highway and our journey to Golden.

Our final lag to our lodge on top of the Kicking Horse Mountain Ski area was exhilarating. A 15 kilometer twisty mountain road, good for a mini hill climb that was welcomed by all the drivers. An unexpected brief engine failure of one of the cars happened on the river bridge, which blocked traffic somewhat. But after a quick fix by a mechanically minded fellow driver, the show was able to continue on this BC mini Pikes Peak hill climb!

We arrived at the Winston Lodge where the innkeepers Bob and Tracy were waiting for our arrival. They were very excited and honoured to welcome this many Porsches on their premises. Bob immediately got out his camera and suggested we tweak the cars in order to take a great group picture.

We were all handed our room keys and were pampered with the spacious and tastefully decorated luxury rooms. After some relaxation we gathered



at the lodge lounge for happy hour. We were then called up to our private upstairs dining room, where we enjoyed a great meal prepared by the lodge chef. Several people joined the karaoke music in the bar later and some I heard even had some quick steps on the dance floor.

The following morning some early birds touched up their cars and some walked around the mountain village. By 10 am we continued on our way to Invermere. Again heading down the mountain was a fun experience. Invermere in the Columbia Valley was the free time stop, however some of us decided to check out the newly opened lodge at the Greywolf Golf Course. A spectacular log building, with a wonderful view over the golf course. The menu had many tasty items listed and enjoyed by all. After returning to Invermere we continued with our final lag to the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. We parked our cars in the reserved parking rotunda and headed to our rooms.

This was our banquet night in the Ivor Petrak Room, overlooking the parked cars. After cocktails and lots of chatting, dinner was served. The hotel chef did a brief description of the rather large scrumptious buffet dinner. During dinner, table wine was sponsored by



Guest Speaker Allen Berg



Allen Berg's son Alexander and Ivor Lammerink



Porsche Centre Edmonton and after-dinner liqueur was generously offered by club member Marvin Ostrom.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Allen Berg, one of three Canadian F1 drivers. He told his story of being a race car driver and the hard work required to be a professional. One had to be very versatile, energetic and have the ability to be not only a race driver but also a promoter in order to secure the next ride, wherever it was taking him. Allen now runs a formula racing school in California. All in all a very inspiring summery of his racing career.

The evening was finished with a draw for door prizes also provided by Porsche Centre Edmonton. Many stayed after the banquet to share stories with their friends. A late morning departure was scheduled with some participants heading in a westerly direction, some to Calgary and about 8 cars went back to Edmonton, utilizing some interesting back roads. I finally could have a sigh of relief—the Jaunt turned out to be another success again in 2014!

A big thank you to all participants and sponsors that made it again possible to have such a great Polar Region event. See you all in 2015.



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a Porsche Story...

By Arthur Potts

This story starts simply enough...Jim Delaney, another Polar Region member, and I were chatting about things Porsche during our Spring Fling, when he told me one of the most astounding stories I have ever heard.



I asked Jim to follow-up with his friend, the subject of this article and whom we will call Bob, to get the complete story. What follows is as supplied to Jim Delaney in an e-mail with editorial modifications by Arthur Potts to aid clarity and ensure privacy.

It was 2004 and after enjoying a few different model Porsches, Bob's hunt began for the car that captured his interest and the machine that catapulted Porsche to the top of the racing ranks beginning in 1954...the RS550.

With only 90 officially built and now carrying a price tag of around \$1.3M US, Bob was relegated to settling on a reproduction, of which there were a few fine examples with aluminum coach work. In the end it was reproductions by BECK that most impressed him, so his search was on.

After 2 years of searching, Bob finally found the perfect car in California on e-bay in "new condition" with only 2300km. He bought it sight unseen for \$18,000 US and flew down to inspect it and arrange shipment back to Canada. The owner had bought the car in the early 1960s for his new born son and had intended it be given his son on his son's 25th birthday as a gift. As it turned out, the owner's son had no interest in the car so the owner stored the car, apart from an annual drive to his favourite winery. On arriving at the owner's property, Bob was impressed with the 7000 square foot garage, a museum in itself with Lotus 16s and 18s on racks on

the walls and the 1982 Monaco Grand Prix 2nd place Ferrari sitting on top of the owner's office (only one Ferrari raced as this was the first race after Jacques Villeneuve's death). The Spyder exceeded Bob's expectations in appearance and he fell in love with the performance after a quick test drive in the hills of California.

It was during the appraisal back in Canada where the story began to get interesting. Bob's appraiser discovered a serial number on the frame, 550-00, that was different from the BECK VIN on the fire wall. With a little research, it was discovered the VIN was in fact a Porsche VIN but was 2 digits short of being complete. The last two digits were normally added at the final stage of production after installation of the electrical and interior which this car did not get in the Porsche factory. Bob began to enquire with Porsche, and over the course of 4 years and some 120 e-mails of pictures, descriptions and answered questions, it was confirmed the car was an original Porsche Werks model. All standard models used a trellis tube frame, were aluminum bodied, and were fitted with an aluminum double overhead cam 110HP at 6200RPM 1500cc engines, but the Werks model's engines were built and tuned to 165HP at 7200 RPM, had 4 wheel disc brakes, had only a push button starter with no key switch, and weighed in at an incredibly light 1240lbs.

So just how important a model was the 550 Spyder? Well it won its class in the 1955 Le Mans and had its first over-all

win in the Targa Florio in 1956. The 550 Spyder was very competitive against cars with much larger engines and far more horsepower and was Porsche's first racing car. It was one of the few cars of the day that could be driven to the track, raced, win, and then be driven home again. Perhaps one of the most memorable race moments occurred in the 1954 Mille Miglia when Hans Hermann drove the car under a railroad crossing barrier a split second before a train roared past, demonstrating the 550 Spyder's low profile design. The 550 Spyder is also remembered as the car in which James Dean died while on his way to a race in Salinas, California on September 30th, 1955.

Despite the value of what was now determined to be a Porsche Werks 550 Spyder, Bob drove the car on the street and did lapping days, creating smiles that lasted for days. The incredible handling of the 50/50 weight distribution and the engine singing away right behind your head with straight headers tunneling into the single resonator and centre exhaust made every drive memorable.

Bob couldn't actually piece together the life of his 550 Spyder but it is believed it was purchased as a "work in process" from Porsche in 1955 by Hans Hermann who was a very successful race driver of a 550 in its early racing days. It's believed that Bob's 550 landed in the US in 1961 in its incomplete state and was finished by Chuck Beck and sold

to the original owner from California (the person Bob bought the car from).

Bob's negotiations for the sale of the 550 Spyder began with Porsche in 2011 but they could not agree on a price so the communications went silent. Porsche wanted the car for the opening of their new museum in May of 2012 but were not willing to pay what Bob thought was fair market value. It is worth noting that Bob finally received the VIN plate, 550-0089 in July of 2012 so now he had the documentation needed to sell the car as an authentic Porsche 550 Spyder.

As the true history of the vehicle became clearer, Bob felt obligated to contact the original owner and share his discovery. Without hesitation and as a true gentleman, the original owner's response was "I bought it as a Beck, sold it as Beck, and you bought it as a Beck, so we're all good here!"

Although the 550 Spyder was more fun than Bob's 1989 930 and 1990 3.8L RSR combined, Bob just wasn't driving the 550 enough, so after long consideration, he listed the car in August, 2013 in Hemmings. The car sold for 980,000 Euros on September 30, 2013 to an Austrian industrialist and race car collector. The car will reportedly make its way to the Porsche museum in Stuttgart, Germany on a one year loan in 2015.



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This year has had many special anniversaries including the Polar Region's 25th, celebrated September 27th at Ernest's at NAIT. It was a great venue for this event and the evening was well attended and enjoyed by club members and our **Zone 6 Representative Tim Hagner** who flew in from Oregon. A big thank you to our social team, **Annette Wilkes and Ellenore Dirr**. As well thanks to our sponsors – your contributions helped to make this a very enjoyable and memorable evening. **Angel Dufault** provided our table tent cards, **Perry Schwabenbauer** our anniversary cake, **Lawrence Glazer** made a fantastic slideshow, **Paul Conquest of Eurasia Automotive** provided some wonderful wine for us to enjoy with dinner and **Dean Wetzlaug of Modern Auto Body** followed up with great after-dinner liqueurs. There were numerous door prizes supplied by **Brian & Doreen Long** and **Porsche Centre Edmonton**. On behalf of the Polar Region I would like to especially thank Porsche Centre Edmonton for providing us with a grand prize befitting our 25th anniversary celebration – a Camp4 experience, which was won by a very happy **Bill McCay**. Bill has attended many track events and also ran our autocross for awhile...he is certainly going to enjoy Camp4. This is a prize valued at over \$5,000.00! Again thank you Porsche Centre Edmonton; your generosity and continued support to the Polar Region is very much appreciated.



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Brian and Doreen Long, who supplied us with some great framed posters for door prizes, were among the club's original members. Doreen was the club's first chartered President. I asked about how it all started. Here's a little of what she told me...

"The concept of starting our own club (Wild Rose was already established) began on a Norden sponsored Porsche rally to Banff in the Spring of 1987. It was a real fun event. A meeting (which I did not attend) was held during that weekend. Brian, my husband was there, and before I knew it I was secretary of the committee set up to check out what starting our own region entailed. The early (steering) committee consisted of Keith Pearson, Gary Kindrachuk, Bill Macintosh (a lawyer who took care of the legal stuff) and myself. Gary took care of most of the 'back & forth' with PCA while I took care of most of the 'paperwork' involved. It took us about 2 years to actually get our charter and at times a few of the initial members wondered about the practicality of starting our own club. A few even suggested we remain a part of the Calgary chapter, much to Gary's chagrin, as he had spent hours and hours on the phone with PCA jumping through the hoops, so to speak, trying to get this chapter established. Eventually it

all paid off but, unfortunately, Keith did not live to see that day."

Keith Pearson was the club President as it was setting up to be chartered but unexpectedly passed away. After an election and also the club being officially chartered as the Polar Region, Doreen became the first President. The club at that time had twenty three members. Interestingly, two of those original members are currently on the club's executive. **Ted Killingsworth** left the club for a while and returned recently. Ted joined the executive, taking on the role of Safety Coordinator. The second, **Doug Bosko**, amazingly has not only stayed with the club for twenty five years but has also been the club's treasurer for all that time. Doug was presented with a plaque in honour and appreciation of his service to The Polar Region.

At the celebration we also welcomed the youngest member to the Polar Region. Member, **Paul Curcio** has run interference with National to instate new member **Daniel Kuzz**, age 15. Daniel is the proud owner of a 1985 Red 944. He will be receiving a free local membership to the Polar Region.



New member Daniel Kuzz.

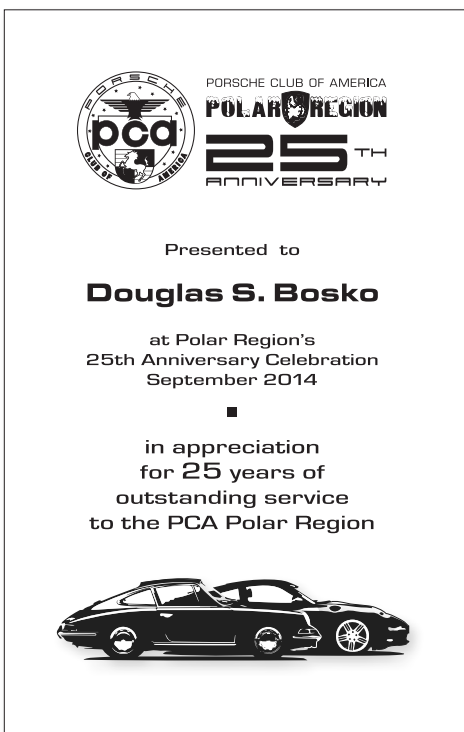
Past President and current club historian **Lawrence Glazer** is working on a more detailed history of the club to celebrate its 25th anniversary. This will be available for club members in the near future.



Peter Spencer presenting Doug Bosko's 25th Anniversary award.



Ernest's Restaurant at NAIT was a great venue for our celebration.



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André Dufault

It's been another good year for the Polar Region including celebrating our 25th anniversary, lots of good social events and driving tours. We still haven't found a good autocross or driver education venue but it is in the works and I hope sorted out by the 2015 driving season. Of course if track time is what you're looking for, there are always opportunities to go on track, since we now have one. Castrol Raceway will be starting their third year with the road course and as always, Track Junkies and the Alberta Advanced Driving School get you on track in a very safe and comfortable environment.

Our annual general meeting has come and gone, welcome to new members of the Executive, Alana Kublik and Dave Schultz. A big thank you to Cathy Glazer for her time as Secretary. The Polar Region has been fortunate to have a very stable core executive that has helped the club to grow as it has. There have been quite a few changes in the group over the last few years and as this current executive finds its way in creating and managing the club's activities, the region continues to enjoy the results. Thank you to the executive for all your efforts past, present and future. As well as our region celebrating 25 years, we also celebrated and thanked Doug Bosko, our Treasurer, for 25 years of service to the club. We presented Doug with a plaque honouring this achievement – I don't think he noticed the fine print that stated this was a life long permanent position.

While it takes a lot of volunteers to make a club successful, it also requires a lot of support and sponsorship. We as a region have been equally fortunate to have the support of some great people and companies. Not only in a financial sense, but also in how well they interact with us and the membership. Porsche Centre Edmonton as an example provides us with a venue for our executive meetings as well as attending and supporting most of our events including morning drives, the Concours and our annual Jaunt. This year they really stepped up and provided us with the Grand Prize for our 25th anniversary celebration. An amazing prize worth over \$5,000.00 – WOW! Happy Bill won (sad I didn't)! As well as PCE, club member and dealer liaison Christian Gersdorff has supported us with his time and an ad in each issue. One of our newest sponsors The Blue Water Group, suppliers of Mobil 1 to the industry has advertised in our newsletter and also one of the principles has recently joined the club. Our friends at Page (Hannes Rudolph) and Alberta Carpet & Furnace Cleaning (Holly Jones) have also advertised in the newsletter for a very long time. You may know that Hannes and Holly are son and daughter of John Rudolph, past president and a great supporter to the Polar Region. Many of our members have advertised in the newsletter over the years including our very own Dr. Doug Bosko, Harold Schmidt of Northwest Truck - a past president, newsletter editor and I believe some other positions. David Welsh of Ogilvie LLP, an associate member was instrumental in helping us to change our by-laws and supporting the club

with newsletter ads. Some of you may remember our good friends Steve and Sarah Hanson of Actual Mechanical. While they have taken a little break from Porsche life to raise a family and build the business, they also continued as advertisers. I know Steve has been eyeing some Porsche ads, so I expect he'll be back in the fold in the not too distant future. Another long time supporter, Dean Wetzlaugk of Modern Auto Body has really gone the distance with us. Advertising in the newsletter, providing us with detailing sessions and supporting our mystery drives and banquets. They have been a big part of our growth over the years. While many of you know Paul Curcio as our Concours and Mystery Drive Coordinator, Paul also advertises in Bear Facts with his company Printer World and has provided some great prizes over the years. Yet another club member Rob Marusin of Armour Insurance has advertised with us for a long time and recently club member Jeff Stern of Garage Frontiers has advertised with us and is also considering some other involvement in the future. Another new sponsor Certified Radio advertises with us and provided some amazing prizes for the Concours, as did Auto Obsessed who also provided great goodie bags and the Peoples Choice award for the Concours. Troy Semeniuk is a great car guy and is looking at providing members with an event in 2015; details will come later. Long time club member Mike Seed has also advertised with us over the years. This year, even Porsche Cars Canada saw their way clear to run a full page ad in all four of our issues. Last, but certainly not least, our very good friend Paul Conquest of Eurasia Automotive has provided ongoing support. Paul is a little like Doug Bosko – he has been in the club forever and has held many positions including president. Eurasia is a long time sponsor and supporter to the Polar Region. Many club events have been held at Eurasia over the years and Paul continues to be a part of the Polar Region world. So there you have it – a really good group of people and companies that have helped us to function and grow and become 25 years old. Thank you all for everything you have done and continue to do for us!

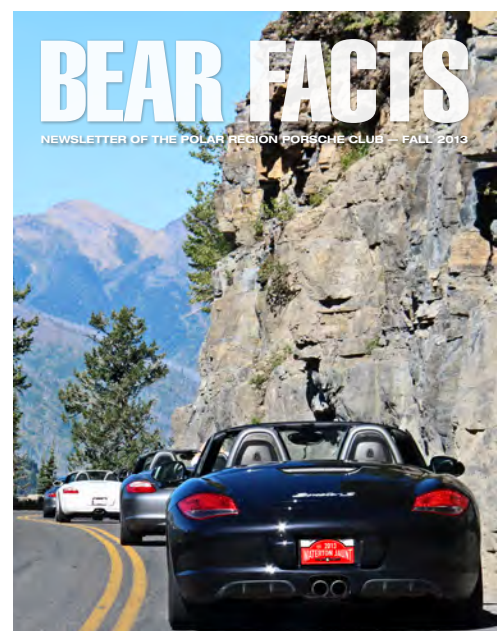
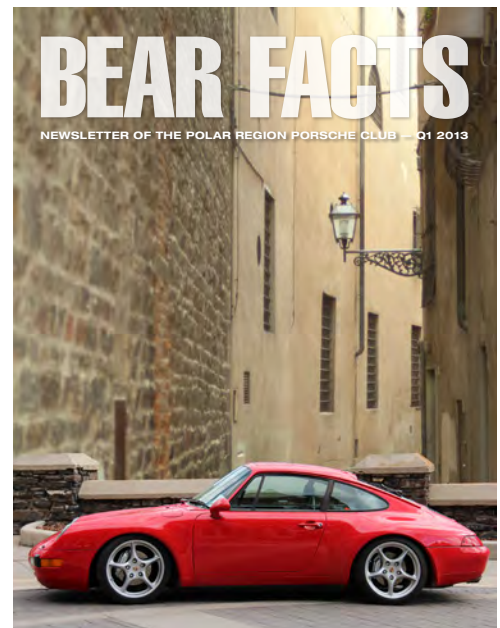
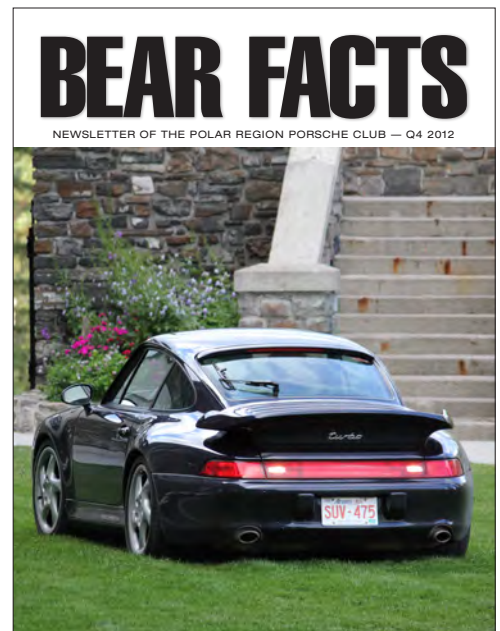
This is the last issue of Bear Facts for 2014. With it we are including the last 12 covers we produced. Nine are on the front cover and the final three within this report. In the summer of 2010 we got our first glimpse of John Rudolph's Boxster Spyder. There were two in the showroom, one white, one black; Russ Timmons acquired the black one. Recently John decided he needed to have the black one as well and bought the Timmons Spyder. Autumn's cover reminds me of some great times. Edmonton continued to have the Indy and with it we continued to enjoy the Eurasia Cup NASCC GT Invitational Race. Fifty some cars of various power and weight, all on the track at the same time. Way more fun to watch than the Indy cars! Paul Conquest drove the Pace Car shown on the cover. The winter shot was taken in the Porsche Museum on a Germany Porsche Experience by Bev and Neil Calhoun. As has been the case many times, the cover shot was supplied by a member and highlighted a special place and time for them. Spring 2011, Angel was having flashbacks and the 918 was now a reality and available for ordering. I believe there were two purchased in Edmonton. We were fortunate again to have the Indy and the Eurasia Cup in the summer of 2011. The #89 Subway Car was driven by Peter Spencer. On June 21st the official announcement was made by Castrol Raceway – it was a

green light for a road course. Given that the Indy's last run in Edmonton was 2012 and Race City In Calgary closed in 2011, this was great news. I was happy to be a part of Castrol's inaugural event with Track Junkies for both the short and full road course. For some reason a lot of people were chasing Alex Eliuk's beautiful 2008 Turbo Cabriolet on the Autumn 2011 cover. Actually Alex volunteered to be the Pace Car for the CIBC Run For The Cure event. The Winter 2011 cover shot was provided by Barry Ryziuk. Another memorable time and place enjoyed by a club member; this time The Rennsport Reunion IV at Laguna Seca, that Barry and six other club members attended. Spring 2012, one of the last shots of the amazing autocross times we had at the Garrison. In this one, Cathy Glazer was setting up for the run in her 1998 yellow Boxster followed by Kathy Timmons in her black Boxster Spyder. I really miss those events and hope we'll have the opportunity to run there again in the future. Summer 2012, yet another club member having a good time with a Porsche. Colin Livingston with his 2012 Turbo S Cabriolet at the Porsche Driving School in Leipzig. Colin's report was titled "The Best Trip Of My Life" - that says it all! Our last issue for 2012 was a beautiful shot provided by Lawrence Glazer at the Banff Jaunt. Bryce Knelson's beautiful 1996 993 Turbo in the courtyard. I'll remember this one for a while, it was the second time in ten years and 40 issues that I got the car description wrong. 2013 was a crazy year for me and for the first time I only had time to produce two issues, one in the spring and the other in the fall. I thought at the time that this would be my last year doing the newsletter so I decided, for the first time, to put my car on the cover. This cover was very different than any we had done before and I think turned out really well. Angel took a shot provided by Julie Nichvalodoff in the carousel at The Banff Springs and added an older European backdrop to it – very cool. Our fall cover was again provided by Julie; I think we need to have her join the executive as our official photographer. This shot taken on the Waterton Jaunt 2013.



There you have it ten years, forty cover shots – most of them highlighting a members' experience with a Porsche. Reviewing all of those has brought back some great memories of my own experiences and the friends I have made over the years. We started producing the newsletter in the fall of 2003 with both a fall and winter issue. John Rudolph was President; Bob Drew, Vice President; Peter Spencer, Secretary; Doug Bosko, Treasurer; Barry Ryziuk, Autocross & Membership; Ivor Lammerink, Concours; Michael Stevenson, Driver Education; Angel & I with the newsletter; Nelson Renz, Safety; Ruth Snyder, Social; Paul Conquest, Webmaster and Rick Silva as member at large.

For the first time in the history of the Polar Region, Ivor launched the Early Morning Breakfast Tours. **Some of the ladies thought the breakfast tours were a little too early.** Ivor who also started the Concours Lite, ran the 2nd annual Concours in 2003 and the event doubled in size with 31 cars showing.





Our Drivers Education Event was held at **Race City** as was the custom until it closed. The weather was not considered ideal but despite the rain it was a great experience and excellent conditions for learning car control.

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Autocross was great that year. We were on track at the Garrison, **Barry Rzyziuk** was running low 98s in his Turbo (when he wasn't mowing fields of dandelions) and many of the members were running record times.



Ruth Snyder organized the first of many annual summer barbecues, this one hosted by **Nelson and GeorgeAnn Renz**. Not sure exactly what Nelson is doing in this shot but he is having fun.



The Polar Region remains strong, continues to grow and with all the efforts of the many volunteers and supporters, I don't see that changing. I thank you all for the good times, and Angel and I wish you all the best of the season and a happy, healthy 2015.

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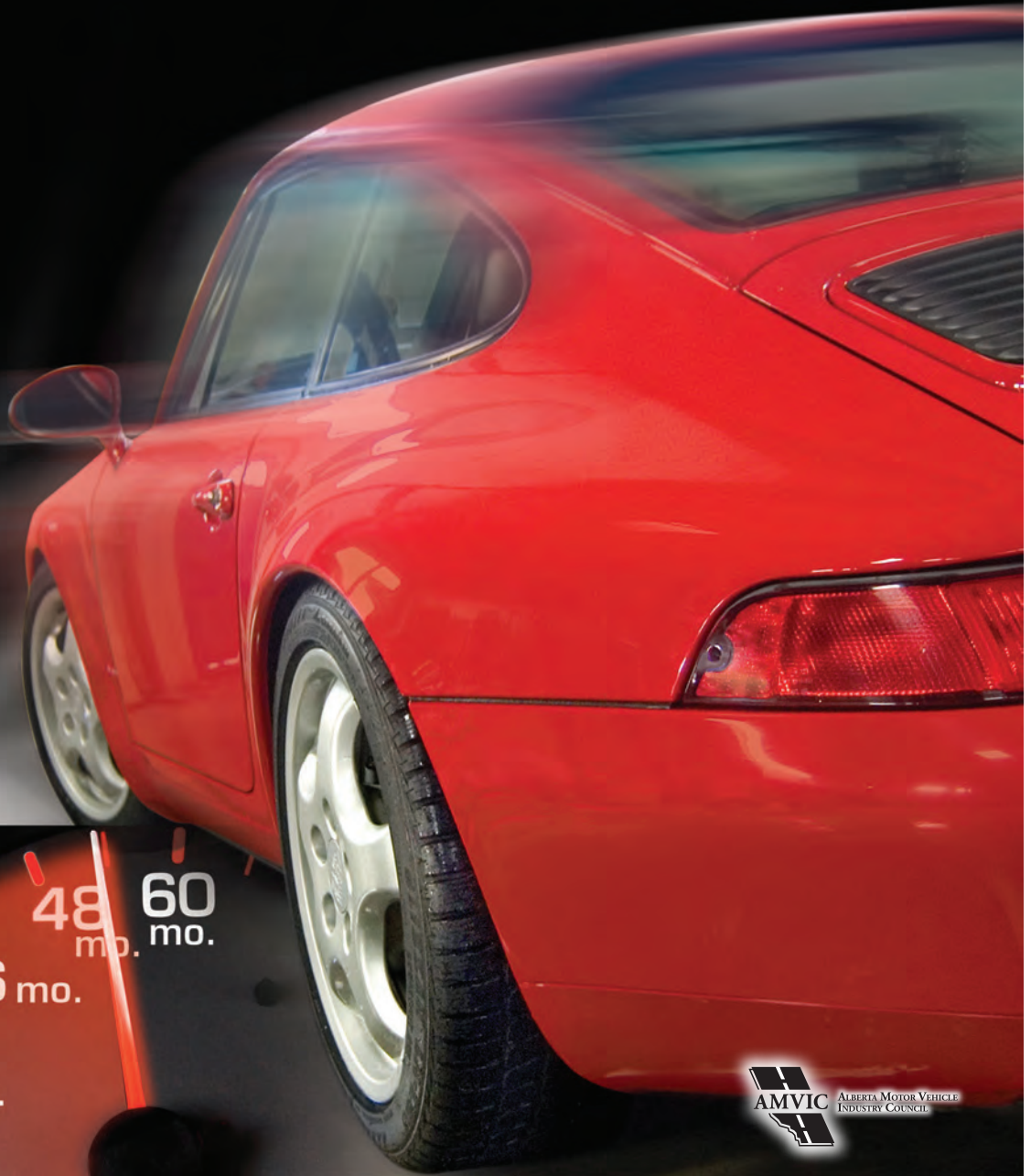
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