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## SSCN Record Falls *by Ken Kusik*



Eric Elliot

The 17th season of Show 'N' Shine Cruise Nites (SSCN) opened with an all Euro theme and in truly grand style. I had once thought that as many as 125 cars could squeeze into Sonic Drive-In and the adjacent lot over one city block long. We now know 111 cars fit just fine. And Sonic served up a ton of half-price food to go with the fun.

Spring fever broke out and so did rows of shiny cars as far as the eye could see from their winter hibernation. 18 different

marques were proudly represented. Among Europe's finest were: Porsche, Ferrari, BMW, Audi, Volkswagen, Volvo, Mercedes-Benz, Lamborghini, Saab, and Jaguar. There were Sunbeams, Mini Coopers, Triumphs, MGs, an Amphicar, Callaway Corvette, Bugs, Buses, and Boxsters.

It was great to see old friends again. There were lots of new faces and new cars, too. For four new members from Omaha and Lincoln, it was their first club event. We hope

to see them at more events in the future.

It was a fitting tribute and celebration of everything great about the automobiles we drive. But, more than that, as PCA says, "It's the people." The friendship, pride, and passion have made each of more than 60 Show 'N' Shine Cruise Nites over the years special. My thanks to those who were part of the record. We will "keep on cruising" and conclude the SSCN schedule August 27. Be part of the celebration.

# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding

Somehow, the track gods answered our prayers, and in a season of cold temperatures and frequent rain, we had perfect weather for our first DE of the year. We had a healthy turnout of participants – everyone had plenty of track time, the many novices learned quickly and were eager to return, and everyone finally, finally got to stretch their cars' legs after a long off-season.

It was a long weekend for me, as I was down the day before our DE to help instruct for the track's monthly orientation. Between the two days, close to 40 people experienced track driving for the first time. I take that as an encouraging sign of the enthusiasm in the area for track events.

As I write this, our most important event of the year, the Club Race, is just two weeks away. We already have a good number of racers and DE folks signed up for the weekend, so I am looking forward to it being another successful Club Race.

I did want to take this



opportunity to recognize the hard work that Tom Cooper puts in for our track events. If you came to the DE in May, Tom probably contacted you personally at least once to welcome you to the event and to let you know that your registration was in order. He was also there bright and early to greet you at the track, with all of your signature forms ready to go and your driver packets organized with everything you needed for the day. As I mentioned in my column last month, the GPR has received kudos for our well-run track events, and those plaudits are due in large part to Tom's diligent work. Tom has also been working feverishly all year to ensure the Club Race runs smoothly. With Tom in charge, I know it will.

I also wanted to recognize John Krecek, JR Sanders, and Russ Standage for their work at our track events. John is our Chief Driving Instructor, and did a marvelous job leading the classroom portion of the novice training, as well as organizing

instructors for the weekend. JR, Safety Chair, was awesome as always with getting people through tech and putting on a great drivers meeting. Finally, Russ Standage, our grid man, sat out in the sun all day long directing cars and keeping us safe. It is a thankless job that I genuinely thank him for doing.

We have plenty more events coming up soon, including the Loess Hills Fun Run with the Dakotas Region, more dinner runs, show 'n' shines, car shows, and plenty more track time throughout the summer and early fall. Stay tuned to *Der Skooner* and the website for details.

Finally, I wanted to reflect on my first half-year as President of the GPR. As is so often said, the success of an organization is dependent on the people behind the scenes. I can truly say that as we have had successful events, newsletters, and communications this year, the folks who have volunteered to serve on my board are the reason behind that success. My job is made immensely easier that they all do their jobs so well, and I thank them for their hard work. The GPR runs because of these people, and we all owe them our gratitude.

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# Loess Hills Fun Run

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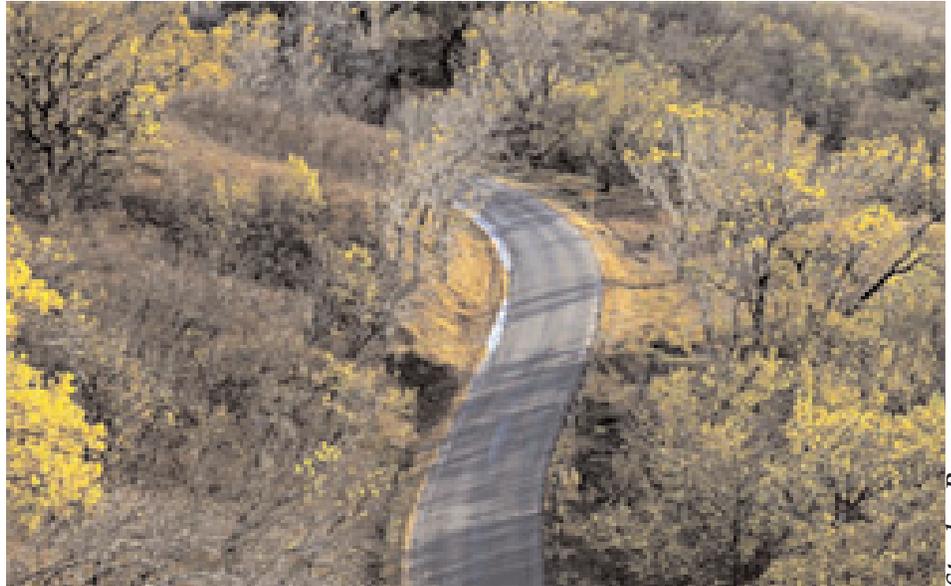
We will begin with dinner at Pasta Amore at 11027 Prairie Brook Road in Omaha at 6:30 Friday night, June 10, 2011. We have a private dining room that will accommodate up to 25 people.

Saturday we will meet for breakfast at the Farmhouse (84th and Grover) at 8:30 a.m. Then, we will proceed on a relaxed drive on paved roads through the southern Loess Hills of Iowa; a spectacular and unusual geologic formation right in our own backyard. We will end the day in Nebraska City, NE.

We have a special rate at the Lied Lodge for overnight lodging and other options are listed below. Dinner will be at the Lied Lodge on Saturday night.

On Sunday our return home takes us along the hills of eastern Nebraska to enjoy the hills on the western side of the river. This drive may be "unguided"; however, we will provide maps and route suggestions. Otherwise Sunday is on your own after breakfast at Lied Lodge.

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If you would like to attend, please contact Linda and Dave Shields at lindapshields@yahoo.com. If you will be going to dinner at Pasta Amore

or breakfast at the Farmhouse, also let Steve Wilwerding know at [steve.wilwerding@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wilwerding@gmail.com).

- 1) Name
- 2) Number of people for dinner on Friday night
- 3) Number of people for dinner on Saturday at Lied Lodge
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4	Imola Motorsports annual Open House .....	Nord Stern
4-5	Driver Education, Memphis International Raceway .....	St. Louis
5	European Auto Show .....	St. Louis
5	Auto Haus Charity Show and Shine.....	Red River
8	Driving Dinner Meeting to Cantina Lared, Branson Landing .....	Ozark Lakes
11	17th Annual German Carfest Rally .....	Nord Stern
11	Tour to Clarksville .....	St. Louis
12	Autocross at Road Yoder.....	Wichita
17	Ice cream social and Pop Quiz .....	Kansas City
18	CIA & Schonesland Autocross, Marshalltown, Iowa.....	Central Iowa
18-19	BIR Fast Fling Driver Education.....	Nord Stern
18	"Show, Shine & Shoot", Location TBD.....	Ozark Lakes
18	Autocross at Springs Church.....	Red River
18	Mosley Street Melodrama .....	Wichita
19	Fathers Day Show N Shine at Springs Church .....	Red River
25	Porsche Paddock at the Izod Indy Car Series races, Newton Interntaional Speedway.....	Central Iowa &
25	Show, Shine, and Shoot.....	Ozark Lakes
26	Autocross at Ameristar Casino west parking lot.....	Kansas City
26	Autocross at Dakota County Technical College .....	Nord Stern
26	All Porsche Show and Concours, Roseville Central Park .....	Nord Stern

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

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Wichita Region: [wic.pca.org](http://wic.pca.org)

## Harley-Davidson Tour Survey

Please vote! We are planning a trip to Kansas City in the fall to the Harley-Davidson factory. See the May issue of *Der Skooner* for details.

We need to find out how many of you are interested in the Harley Tour in November. The tour will be on a Friday. We will determine the date once we know how many people want

to go.

We have three options:

1. Drive personal auto down and back Friday
2. Drive personal auto down Friday, stay at the Plaza for shopping and whatever Friday evening. Spend the night and return Saturday.
3. Take a bus to the factory and Plaza returning on Friday.

Again, once I have an idea of the people interested in doing this I can get an idea of the cost.

Send your choices to Social Chairman Ardey Clark at:

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# Upcoming Events

## 2011 GPR Events

Carrera GT Club Race at Motorsports Park Hastings.....	June 3-5
Loess Hills Fun Run with Dakota Region.....	June 10-12
Dinner Run to TBD .....	July 16
Summer Picnic.....	TBD
Road Rally/Loess Hills Fun Run to Pop N Doc's .....	July 31
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex .....	August 13-14
Sonic Show 'N' Shine .....	August 27
2nd Annual Steak Dinner at Schlott's House .....	September 3
Woodhouse Track Event at Motorsports Park Hastings .....	September 9-11
Lauritzen Gardens Car Show .....	September 18
Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	October 1
Indian Cave Fun Run.....	October (TBD)
Harley Davidson Factory Tour in Kansas City .....	November (TBD)
Pre-holiday Get Together at Brix .....	December (TBD)

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# Great Plains Region Rememberins Katrina

On March 27th, a very special GPR member, Katrina Phillips passed away. Katrina was a “people person”, whether meeting the Porsche family at the Porsche Parade or saying hello and welcome to a new member at a local club event. The following are memories from GPR people about Katrina. For those of you who knew her, this will bring back your own memories of Katrina.

For those of you who did not know her well, this will give you a better understanding of what a wonderful lady we have lost.

It was a privilege to have her consider us as friends.

—Denny Strauss

I remember the first time I met Katrina Phillips. Carmen Burr invited me to the 2002 club race at MAM; I wasn't a member of the club yet and had only owned my first Porsche, a 1992 968 cabriolet for 2 years. My husband, Gene, and I watched a race from the top of the grandstand with Carmen and her husband, Jay. Then she took Gene and me to meet some other members in the paddock, specifically women. I remember meeting Katrina and being completely overwhelmed that she drove on the racetrack. I was in awe and wanted to be just like her. In the succeeding years, I've served with her on the GPR board and have observed her many talents, but it was her graciousness and

love for all things Porsche that I will always remember. And because she took the time to sit and talk with a stranger during a club race, I joined the club, drove at track events, and four years ago began racing myself. I never told her this story because I think she would have been embarrassed; I hope she understands. Go Utes.

—Sally Knapp

I have many, many wonderful memories of Katrina, and in every one of them, she is wearing a smile. I recall years of conversations, parties, road or track outings, holiday gatherings, or other events that will forever cause me to smile back. However, there are two very remarkable things about my experience with her as a friend that especially had impact on me. The first was her genuine enthusiasm about almost anything and everything. Katrina radiated such excitement and unbridled joy, she turned routine activities into special events. The other, and probably more extraordinary, is that I never, ever, heard her say a negative thing concerning another person. She was and is a treasure.

LOL, friend Katrina.

—Pam Acuff

Katrina must have been a fabulous pharmacist, since the exacting nature and dedication which she brought to the club was evidenced in everything she touched. Everything was always perfect, and it was clearly evident that she had put a great deal of



thought and effort into whatever she touched. In addition to publishing a professional newsletter each month, Katrina also mailed a submission to *Panorama*. The GPR had amongst the highest submissions to the *Panorama* section From The Regions of any region in the country for several years. Whether it was the newsletter, social events, driving events, rallies, photo albums, videos, Katrina was a force of nature behind each event, making sure that the members would enjoy themselves and experience a “wow effect”. Katrina wrote the newsletter, and received a national award. Then she served as membership chairperson, and received a national award. See the trend here? We were truly blessed to have Katrina share her passion and dedication with the members of the GPR. I also had the pleasure of traveling with Katrina on several driving trips where we would organize 5 or 6 couples for a week-long excursion in their P-cars to a fun destination. Katrina was always full of laughter, joy, ideas for the gang, and she helped to ensure these events were

# Katrina Phillips: Leader, Mentor, and Friend



cherished memories for all. We will miss you Katrina; thanks for the “wow effect”!

—Sandy Steckman

I’ve been asked to put in writing Thoughts about a special friend.

Someone who’d always be there,  
Beginning to the end.

Unselfish, caring, good-hearted  
and true

Her life was built on faith.  
She had that little twinkle  
When off-color jokes she’d ace!

This angel I’m speaking of,  
We’ll miss her very much.  
God’s best P-car is waiting  
there,  
Please DON’T burn out His  
clutch!

She truly was like no other.  
Celebrate her joyous life.  
This angel will be watching us,  
Special friend, special lady,  
special wife.

— Chris Strauss

What a wonderful time we had, putting *Der Skooner* into Porsche Club’s readers’ hands. The receiving of “Best Newsletter Award” at the Parade was certainly due to Katrina’s editor talent. It was informative and entertaining. Her input was low-keyed, knowledgeable, fresh, and like super-glue, holding us together. With our few issues (co-opted) Great Plains Region left an imprint that said simply, “This is how you do it.” Katrina will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace, it was a gift calling her “friend, buddy.”

—Howard Shoemaker

Katrina was special from the first time we were introduced at a club meeting. She instantly made us feel welcome. We were able to participate in several rallies with John and her, which allowed us to get to know them better and become good friends.

It was always a treat to read *Der Skooner*, and we always appreciated her good work on the newsletter. She loved that project, and it really showed.

Recalling our Alaska cruise with John and Katrina brings back so many fond memories. The cruise was scheduled for May in order to include Katrina’s birthday — always a special time.

Katrina enjoyed all the things that trip could offer — from the first day in Vancouver and a visit to an Irish pub for lunch to walking on a glacier, riding in a dogsled, exploring the cities we visited, wonderful food and wine, lunch at the Red Onion Saloon, and the train trip to Denali.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have known her and to have memories of her to treasure forever.

—Teresa Woodard

I served on the board with Katrina and it was an absolute delight! We always sat next to each other and occasionally gave the board president, John Phillips, a difficult time, but not too often. After all, when you get two somewhat ornery gals together, certain things can happen!

Katrina was always well organized, prepared and excited to be of service. She had wonderful insights and suggestions regarding board discussions.

Katrina was a very compassionate woman and always put 120% into everything she did. Katrina commanded respect. I loved it when she would put someone in their place with grace and a smile on her face!

Katrina naturally had an inner strength beyond most people, but her Christian faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior made that inner strength overflow to levels that no one, not even Katrina, could fathom. The miracles that she experienced through many years of a difficult health condition were numerous and never missed by her. There is a saying, “How can life get any better?”. Well, Katrina knew. As much as we don’t want to leave our loved ones, Katrina’s incredible faith knew that being with Jesus in Heaven was definitely better and was ready to be in Jesus’ arms when he called her. Many people have had their faith strengthened by observing the way Katrina lived her faith. I know I have. Thanks, Katrina. I love you and look forward to seeing you in Heaven.

—Denise Scholz



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#A2590A. Silver/black leather, AMG. \$35,995

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#A2624. Black/natural brown, 785 miles, 6 speed

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#A2616. Black/black leather, 22K, pristine

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# James Arthur Vineyards Fun Run *by Ardey Clark*

Well Mother Nature did it again. You would think May 14 the weather would be decent enough to be outside. What can I say about Nebraska weather that has not been said a million times before?

However we ended up with six cars and 11 people headed out for a decent ride to James Arthur Vineyards in Raymond, NE. We'd planned to enjoy a little music at the winery. Due to a misprint on James Arthur's website the music was from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We arrived around 6:00 pm (just a little late). However, we did enjoy some good wine and conversation inside where it was nice and warm.

A rambunctious group of local ladies having a bachelorette party at the vineyard told us about a place to eat in Raymond known as the Ding Bar or better known as the Ding-a-Ling bar. We were hungry, it was early, and there was no music.

So, off we went on an impromptu ride to the Ding-a-Ling for a few more drinks, food, laughter, and conversation. (*Ed. Note: In an effort to stay family friendly, we*



*The skies were overcast, but 11 members in six cars gathered in Gretna for the James Arthur Vineyards Fun Run.*



*Inside, the vineyard offered a comfortable place to enjoy excellent cheese, sausage, bread, and maybe a little wine.*

*are refraining from printing pictures of the author in questionable head gear.)* We ended the night with a nice ride back to Omaha. I think I speak for all that attended when I say a good time was had by all.

Each time I go to a club event, I get to know more about our members which to me is a

good thing. Thanks to those that did attend. I appreciate your support. I had a very good time and enjoyed your company!

For those who couldn't make it, be sure to join us next time. It's not just the cars, it's the people!



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The meeting was held at Investors Realty on May 5 and started at 6:00.  
People in attendance: Steve Wilwerding, Steve Eckhart, Eric Elliot, John Krecek, Tom Cooper, Steve Gallagher, JR Sanders.

**President:** Steve covered Track events: May 7, Aug 13,14, Oct 1

**Social:** Reviewed the social calendar. Some dates being moved and a couple deleted.

**Secretary:** Abe was out. Minutes were approved as published

**Registrar/Club Race Chair/Membership:** Reviewed DE and race participants. Reviewed the one-day DE for next weekend. OK turnout expected.

**Chief DI:** Ready for one-day DE. Same agenda as first day of two-day. Will not sign off students.

**Treasurer:** Overall it looked good.

**Safety:** Old helmets including M-rated are okay until June 1. Then, we only allow 2005 or newer SA-rated. No more fire extinguishers required, short sleeve t-shirts are OK. DE and Club race insurance are being ordered tomorrow.

**Newsletter:** Looks good. Needs info on upcoming events to publish.

**Website:** Up to date. Club race is posted.

**Past President:** No report

**Old/New Business:** None

Respectfully submitted, John Krecek



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