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Panamera Launch Event

Story by Lauren Schomburg



After its long-awaited debut, October 17, 2009, marked the official arrival of the Panamera into the Porsche family. Porsche of Omaha welcomed the Panamera and over 200 guests to the Salisbury House in Des Moines, Iowa, for a proper introduction. Hors d'oeuvres, Porsche Design Driver's Selection items, and Salisbury House tours were among the various activities available, but the main event was the viewing of the 2010 Panamera 4S.

Next Level Audio, out of Bartlett, Illinois, was on-site with an in-home Burmester sound system (an option exclusive to the Panamera) to provide the perfect backdrop for the luxurious sport sedan. Salesman Adam Brooks provided hourly descriptions of the highlights that set Porsche apart with its most unique four-door. The evening was complete with test drives through the historic Des Moines neighborhood in a variety of Porsche models.

The Porsche Panamera is a true "must-see" and yet another example of pure Porsche performance and design. If you missed it in October, stop by the dealership for a personal look this month, as we expect to receive our second Panamera in the middle of November.

From the Prez

By Jon Theobald



October 24th was a bittersweet day in the track driving community as it was the last open track day of the season, also known as the Boo-Bash at Midamerica Motorplex. Thankfully, a somewhat dry October day was sandwiched in a month-long rainy season, creating pretty good conditions to get some hot laps in, 55 to be exact, according to my track transponder. Throughout the day, 3.6 liters of deafening fury wailed behind my head, and the tach needle bounced off the rev limiter without a complaint. My oversized Hoosiers, on their last remaining heat cycles, stuck like a fat kid on a cupcake, allowed me to zig-zag through the apexes at face-distorting speeds. I needed a day like this, and so did my car. Time to start planning winter projects for the car, although there is not much else I can change on my car that hasn't already been touched, I'm sure I'll find something!

I have to mention that we had a very special visit at the Boo-Bash from PLO (Porsche-Loving-Organization) leader "Yassur Iamfast". He was very friendly and drifted around the paddock making friends wherever he went. Coincidentally, Sandy Steckman could not be found during this time and regretted missing his chance to meet him!

November is the month our GPR members vote for the new 2010

Board. Enclosed in this issue you will find a ballot with the candidates. Please cut out the ballot and mail it to the address listed. Also, please make any comments or suggestions for the Club. We really appreciate any feedback we hear from the members. We'll be doing a lot of planning for the upcoming year, so now is the time to make your voice heard. The new Board will be installed at the December monthly meeting and introduced at our January Holiday Dinner.

Hopefully, everyone received their new GPR directory in the mail recently. It has been a few years since we've updated the list and had several requests for a new one. Thanks to Heather for getting our membership list in good shape. Let me know if you've found an error in your information and we'll get it corrected.

I regret to report we don't have any events planned for November – the two things that we did have

planned fell through, so we've got an open schedule. Be sure to check your email and *Der Skooner* for upcoming events, as we will be adding more to the calendar in the coming weeks.

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On Track



By Steve Wilwerding

Well, after five years of doing the newsletter, I have reached my penultimate issue. After the December issue, I will hand over the reigns to Steve Eckhart, who has graciously stepped up to fill the post, and I know that he will do a great job. Since I will be losing my soapbox after next month's issue, I thought I would wrap up with a couple columns about the newsletter position and the Club in general.

When I took over the newsletter five years ago, *Der Skooner* had just come off back-to-back wins in the PCA newsletter competition. The preceding editor did a great job, but when I started, I made a few changes. Whereas the previous editor had an "editorial staff", I did not. I relied on members of the Club to send in their stories, editorials, and travelogues, and I believe that the newsletter has benefited from the contributions of so many members. There was one holdover, though, who I would like to

recognize here – Pam Acuff stayed on as my proofreader for the first few years, and gave valuable insight into how to properly edit and proofread stories. I'm sure that since she has resigned, she has found at least five spelling and grammatical mistakes in each newsletter, but hopefully that has not decreased her enjoyment of reading it.

It was never my intention to necessarily produce an award-winning newsletter. I took the job seriously, as I recognize that this is the only form of communication that reaches all of our members. I tried my best over these last five years to produce a quality newsletter, but I also tempered that a little bit with this being a volunteer position. As I often tell people when they spot an error in the newsletter, "It's not the New York Times." I try to do my best editing submitted stories, but I can honestly say that I haven't lost any sleep over mistakes that made it to print.

I recognize that there are a few times in the last five years that I have made somewhat serious mistakes, or when the newsletter has been a little late, and for these cases, I have to plead duress. The newsletter is often late because we are waiting on last minute event details, or a writer to finish an article that will take up the two empty pages in the middle of the newsletter. As for any other mistakes that I have made, I made them in good faith.

As I look back, there have been some difficult times, but overall, the five years passed quickly (try taking on a monthly task - you can't believe how quickly months go). After five years, I am ready to stop having to meet a monthly deadline, and most of all, I am looking forward to again getting the newsletter in my mailbox and enjoying the novelty of reading it for the first time on the printed page rather than on the computer screen before it goes to the printer.

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7:00 p.m. Dinner (beef, chicken, fish)
8:00 p.m. Awards and Rewards

Why: Awards, Rewards, and just plain fun. Relax after the holidays and start the new year with a great night of food, friends, and fun. We will be presenting the Enthusiast of the Year award, the Most Improved Driver award, the Aw Nuts award, and the Dumkopf award.

Cost: \$25-\$30 per person

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14. The winner will be selected at a random drawing from all eligible entries to be conducted at 101 Marietta Street, Suite 3100, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 on December 1, 2009, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., by an independent judge whose decision shall be final and binding in all respects. The winning entry will be drawn from a container in which all eligible entry stubs purchased for the drawing will be mixed. Each entry stub will have an equal chance of being drawn.
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Upcoming Events

2010 GPR Events

Club Breakfast @ Woodhouse November 21

Holiday/Awards Night January 23

Out of the Corkscrew Social February 27

Club Breakfast - November 21

Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha has graciously offered to host a breakfast event on Saturday morning, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The GPR will be providing coffee and rolls for breakfast.

We are hoping that Woodhouse will have a new Panamera to show us (the last one sold before they could have a show in Omaha). Even if there is no Panamera, Woodhouse has an extensive selection of Porsches (including a rally Cayenne) on display. RSVP to Steve Wilwerding at steve.wilwerding@gmail.com, or just show up (you might want to get there early, as GPR members tend to be voracious donut eaters).



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Nic relocated to Omaha last February and is available to fix your Porsche as a Certified Service Technician. He enjoys working on all the different models of Porsche's and being at the forefront of technology in the automotive industry. Nic is looking forward to serving you!

Getting to know Nic:

- 1. What is your full legal name?**
Nicholas James Meyer
- 2. How many years/months have you been with the Woodhouse Auto Family?**
1 year, 8 months
- 3. What is your nickname?**
Nic
- 4. What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**
Where's the snooze button?!
- 5. What kind of car do you drive?**
2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee
- 6. What is/was your favorite vacation?**
Hiking in Colorado
- 7. What is one thing most people do not know about you?**
I am an Eagle Scout.
- 8. What is your favorite pastime/hobbies?**
Restoring my '67 GTO, camping, running and car shows
- 9. What kind of music do you listen to most?**
I listen to everything.
- 10. What is your favorite movie?**
Transformers 1 & 2
- 11. Tell us something that makes you happy.**
I enjoy hanging out with friends and family and being at the race track.
- 12. What is your favorite Porsche?**
Cayman S
- 13. What color would it be?**
White
- 14. Where would you rather drive your favorite Porsche: race track or scenic road?**
I would rather drive on a scenic road.

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Upcoming Events

Regional Events

Dakotas Dinner November 14

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Kansas City Dinner November 21

Regional Websites

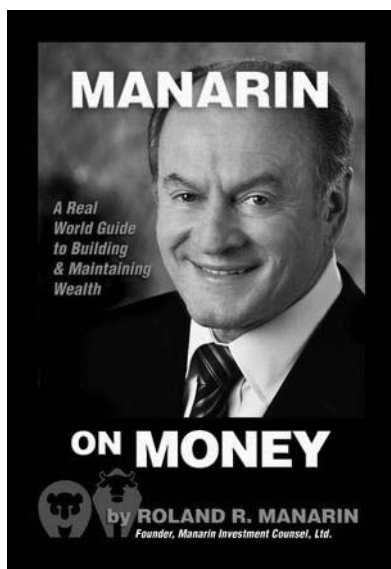
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Upcoming Events

Out of the Corkscrew Social - February 27

The point of this gathering is to meet and greet, socialize, and have a pop, beer, or some new and exciting wines.

This will be a "pot luck" wine tasting and hor d' oeuvres party at John and Pam Krecek's house (15260 Pine Street). We ask that people bring either a beverage to share or something to munch on. Even if you're not a serious wine lover and just want to socialize, this is the event for you. The Club is asking for a \$5 donation per person for the Hope Center - last year, we had over 70 people attend, and we made a large contribution to the Hope Center.

Please RSVP to John Krecek at 402-505-9911 or krecek@cox.net.

2010 Official GPR Board of Directors Ballot

Instructions: Please complete this ballot and mail it to:

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17306 J Street
Omaha, NE 68135

- President: Jon Theobald**
- Treasurer: Jim Avilla**
- Secretary: Abe Schlott**
- Safety: JR Sanders**
- Social: Steve Wilwerding**
- Membership: Tom Cooper**
- Newsletter: Steve Eckhart**

Member Spotlight



Hello, my name is Abe Schlott. I live in Omaha with my wife Kelly and 2 boys, Jonathan and Nicholas, who are 7 and 4 years old. I grew up in Omaha and Kelly grew up in Des Moines, IA, and the suburbs of Detroit, MI. Believe it or not, Kelly and I met at a church camp when we were 13 and 14 (in 1987, the same year my black 911 Targa was born), and I knew almost instantly she was special. We were married in 1995 and have lived in both Pittsburgh and Cleveland before moving back to Omaha.

I am currently Vice President of Sales at Warren Distribution. Even though I sell motor oil, I've always been a "car guy." My first car was not actually a car, but a 1989 Jeep Wrangler. I had a blast tooling around in that during the summers with the top and doors off. After getting married, I had to get a bit more practical and have had several late 80's Jeep Cherokees and both 1990 and 1994 Acura Legends. (I started buying Acuras when I got sick of doing maintenance on my old Jeeps). My dad has always had a penchant for sports cars, Audis in particular. His first sports car was a blue 1974 Jaguar XKE roadster (I cried when he sold it) and most recent one was a highly modified 550 HP 2004 Audi RS-6. Although the car was incredibly heavy, it could blow the doors off almost anything in Omaha.

My last car before my Porsche was a 2004 Acura TSX. I did all kinds of mods to the car, from suspension lowering to exhaust to chip upgrades, air intake, and wheels/tires - it was a great car. Around that time I met a guy named John Krecek (past president) at Prairie Life Fitness. John was always talking about his car and the fun he had on the track and finally, last summer, got me to come down to a DE on Saturday at MAM, and I was hooked. In the grandstands at MAM, I proposed to Kelly, and she said yes, we could buy a 911 - as long as she got to track it as well!

Thus started my quest. I immediately settled on a 87-89 Targa as I love the open-air feel and the solid G50 transmission installed in those years. I found 2 or 3 on the Internet, but I finally found my car at a dealer in Houston. Kelly was actually the first one to drive it. It was cold and raining and she couldn't figure out how to work the heat (I had to read the manual for 15 minutes to figure it out myself!).

Our first DE was at Hastings MPH earlier this year. Kelly borrowed a 2008 Boxster S (which she now wants me to buy) from a friend of mine and we both participated in the novice class. I will say that Kelly has much better natural ability than me - when it was time to solo, she was walking away from the rest of the field of 5-6 guys, and none of us were too happy about that. Her smile was worth a million bucks!

My testament to the great people in the GPR I've met so far was that at the Hastings DE, my car started making a really funny rubbing noise and I immediately came back into the paddock and started looking around under the car for what was causing the noise. Within 2 or 3 minutes, I had 4-5 guys (Jim A, John K, Jon T, Ken B, and probably more) jacking up my car, pulling off the wheels, and trying to figure out what it was. None of us could find anything, so we brought in the expert - Larry Anderson. Larry promptly pulled off the bearing caps using only channel locks and a hammer, and put a few shots of grease into each wheel bearing. After I got the car warmed up and out again, the noise went away. All it cost me was a case of beer. It is very telling of a group of people when they come up and help out someone they don't even know- and that's the kind of people I've met in this club. As much fun as driving the car is, it's just as rewarding to be with such great people and make so many new friends.

I look forward to meeting more of you at future events.

GPR Board and Minutes

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The GPR/PCA Board met Tuesday, October 6, at Investors Realty. Members present: Jon Theobald, Sally Knapp, JR Sanders, Steve Wilwerding, Heather Wester, Eric Elliott, Tom Cooper, and John Krecek.

Social: The Board reviewed the remaining events for the year. The tentative date for the January Awards dinner is set for Friday, January 8.

Secretary: Minutes from the September Board Meeting were approved.

President: The Board discussed the Woodhouse Track Experience, including what we can learn from their event and what could be improved upon.

Registrar: Tom is helping with the Kansas City Region's DE, and he will report back ideas and suggestions.

Club Race Chair: The Club Race Chair for 2010 has not been appointed yet. Discussion was held about Club Race organization and planning.

Treasurer: Jon presented Jim's report. The GPR finances are all in order.

Membership: We have five new members since the last meeting. The GPR Directory info was finalized and is going to the printer.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Steve Wilwerding is in the process of turning over newsletter duties to Steve Eckhart. Steve's last newsletter will be the December issue.

Website: Eric Elliot is handling website duties now.

Chief Driving Instructor: John Krecek proposed buying a new projector for DE instruction and other GPR presentation purposes. The Board voted to purchase the projector and it was ordered.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of Investors Realty, 11301 Davenport.

Respectfully submitted, Jon Theobald.



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Abe and Kelly Schlott's boys help jack up the Porsche after mom had an off in Turn 3 at the Boo Bash at MAM.

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Stokes Dinner Pics



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