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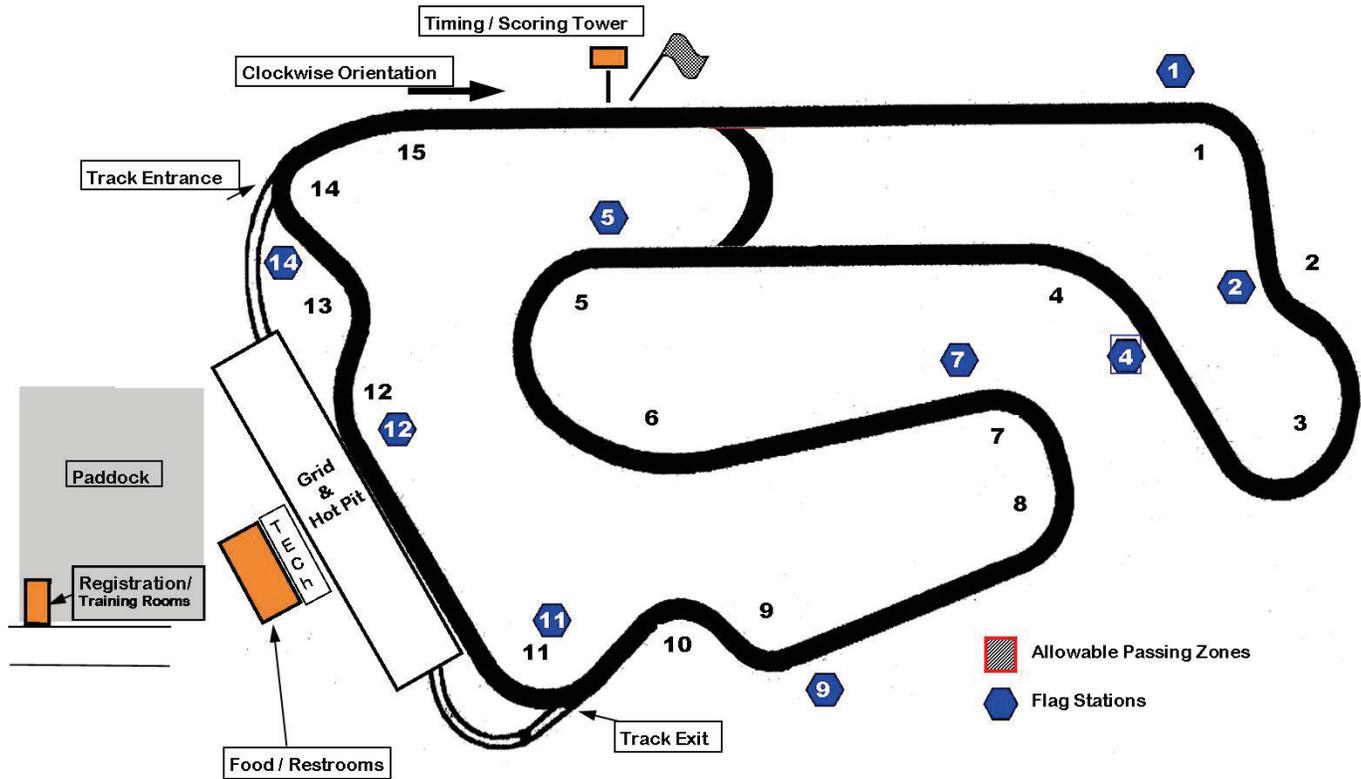
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Spring Fling DE at MAM



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Mid America Motorplex will host the Great Plains Region's Spring Fling Drivers Education Event on April 28-29.

Have you ever wanted to drive your Porsche at speed without worrying about a run in with the local law enforcement authorities? Then a PCA Drivers Education is the event for you.

On April 28 and 29, the

Great Plains Region will be hosting our first driving event of the year. The Spring Fling Driver's Education at Mid America Motorplex registration is now open at register.pca.org.

If you need more information about the event,

check out the GPR web page at gpl.pca.org/ev-de.html.

The mission and purpose of the Porsche Club of America's Driver's Education Program is to provide a safe, structured and controlled teaching and learning

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Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



Well, we are finally starting to get into the meat of the Porsche Club calendar, with a lot of our big events coming up.

The first is at the end of the month, our DE at MAM April 28-29. Online registration is now open, and the early bird special still applies, so visit clubregistration.net to sign up now.

Additionally, other upcoming events include a breakfast at Mahoney, Sonic Show 'N Shines, a Gymkhana at Woodhouse, a GPR picnic, and plenty more – check out the details in this issue.

Our other big upcoming event is the DE/Club Race June 1-3. I have sent out sponsorship letters to past supporters, but we have a special deal going this year – we will be creating a Club poster to be handed out at the Club Race and at our 45th Anniversary party in the fall. The poster will include all of our premier sponsors, so if you would like to be included in that and did not receive a sponsorship letter, please

contact me and I will make sure your logo gets included on the poster. As I said in the sponsorship letters, we used to call this “Club Race sponsorship,” but it has really become Club sponsorship. After having looked at the books from last year, it is obvious that the Club cannot hold the events we do without the sponsorship we receive. We rarely have events now that can break even, let alone make the Club any money, so, in order to continue to have events like Club Race, DEs, dinners, breakfasts, the Holiday Party, the Anniversary party this year, etc., we are completely dependent on our sponsors. Therefore, if you have contributed in the past, I encourage you to continue. If you have not contributed, and if you are able, I would encourage you to contribute any amount that you can.

Interestingly, another sponsorship drive I participated in just ended. For those who listen to classical

music in Omaha (and I do for the 15-20 minutes I'm in the car during the day), KVNO is really a wonderful resource for Omaha – their selection of classical music is top notch, and there still isn't anyone who's quite like Otis 12 in the mornings. Every spring, they hold their annual pledge drive. Now, it is very easy to remain anonymous listening to a radio station – there is no way for them to know that you are listening or not, and therefore you'd think that pledges for KVNO would be low, but interestingly, they had another great year. Similarly, other than your dues, there is nothing you have to do to participate in Porsche Club events – however, in the spirit of KVNO, our members have always been generous in sponsoring our Club. If you can help us this year, your sponsorship would be greatly appreciated, and we can continue to hold the high quality events that you are used to, and throw a blowout 45th Anniversary Party.

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Loess Hills Fun Run *by Linda Shields*

Plans are shaping up for the Dakota Region's 2012 Loess Hill Drive June 8-10, 2012.

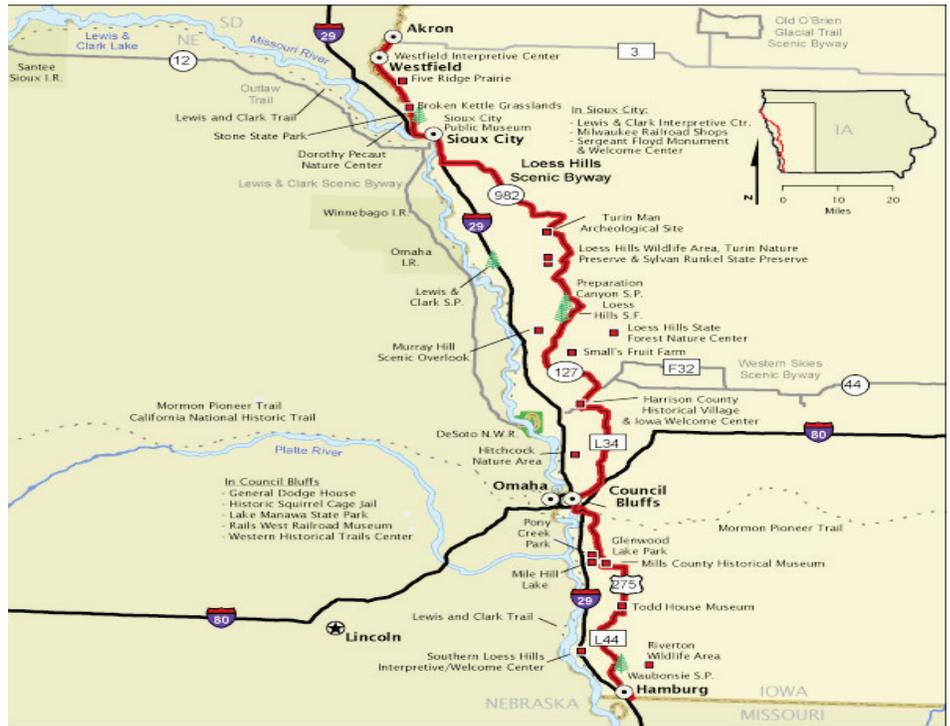
In addition to our drive there is an Arts Festival near the Old Market in Omaha that weekend.

We are hoping to explore a bit more of the southern Iowa side of the Loess Hills barring road closures and floods this year.

The Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Downtown/Old Market is holding 10 rooms for June 8 and 9. The rate is \$116 and there is covered parking for \$10 a day. The block will be held until 5/18/2012 and then released.

We will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Old Market for breakfast Saturday morning and head out about 10am from there.

You can call Jackie Wampler at the Hilton (402) 341-4400 Extension 5108 to



make a reservation (Mon-Fri 9-5) or call the reservation desk at (402) 341-4400.

The block is reserved under Porsche Drive.

We are planning on a group dinner on Saturday and maybe on Friday. Those

arrangements are not complete yet.

Please let Dave and Linda Shields know if you want to go on this trip so we can get the details to you. You can contact the Shields at (605) 334-5158 or lindapshields@yahoo.com.

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Zone 10 April/May Events

APRIL

- 1 Ladies Autocross, Ameristar CasinoKansas City
- 7 Swap Meet at Carousel Porsche.....Nord Stern
- 8 Wine Tasting, Independence, MO.....Kansas City
- 13-15 PCA Club Race and DE, Heartland Park, Topeka.....Kansas City
- 20-22 Parktown Carrera Classic, Gateway Motorsports Park.....St. Louis
- 28 Spring Run South - Cape Girardeau event.....St. Louis

MAY

- 2 Brake Bleeding Party at the Moist's.....Ozark Lakes
- 4 First Fling Driver Training, Brainerd International RacewayNord Stern
- 5-6 First Fling Driver Education, Brainerd International Raceway.....Nord Stern
- 5 St. Donatus Body Shop Open House.....Central Iowa
- 5 Wheels to Weston, Weston, MO.....Kansas City
- 6 Autocross, Ameristar Casino, Kansas City, MO.....Kansas City
- 9 Moist Pizza Extravaganza at the Moist's home.....Ozark Lakes
- 12 Fulton Tour with Columbia Porsche Group.....St. Louis
- 19 Spring Drive Quad Cities to Ft. Madison Iowa.....Central Iowa
- 26 Spring Drive.....Nord Stern
- 27 Indy 500 Open House and BBQ Potluck.....Central Iowa

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at www.pca.org.

Central Iowa Region: cia.pca.org

Dakotas Region: dak.pca.org

Kansas City Region: kcrpca.org

Nord Stern Region: www.nordstern.org

Ozark Lakes Region: olk.pca.org

Red River Region: redriverpca.org

St. Louis Region: www.stlpc.org

Wichita Region: wic.pca.org

Spring Fling (cont.)

environment. The PCA DE Program is designed so that participants can improve their driving abilities and acquire a better understanding of vehicle dynamics and driving safety. Participants will experience first-hand the capabilities of high performance automobiles in a controlled, closed-course environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in all driving situations.

The Great Plains Region Porsche Club runs DE events from May to September at Mid America Motorplex (MAM) in Pacific Junction, Iowa, and Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH) in Hastings, Nebraska.

We currently have an excellent article written by Sandy Steckman about the "DE Experience" on the club web page. We also have driving handbooks for both MAM and MPH, if you would like to learn

more about these tracks or about a DE weekend in general.

You can also download the tech inspection form from the club web page. You will need to have a mechanic certify that your Porsche is safe to take on the track.

Come join the club members who have run a track event and are now "addicted" to the need for speed.

Upcoming Events

Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	April 28-29
Sonic Show 'n' Shine	May 5
Gymkhana at Porsche of Omaha.....	May 12
Carrera GT at Motorsports Park Hastings.....	June 1-3
Sonic Show 'n' Shine	June 23
Sonic Show 'n' Shine	August 18
Steak Fry at Schlott's.....	August 25
Driver's Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	September 16

Watch your email for additional events that may come up after we went to press.

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Tuning the Boxster *by Steve Wilwerding*



Promotive's garage may be in the middle of nowhere, but provides excellent tuning services for your Porsche.

For those who have followed my past columns, you'll know that, a couple years ago, I decided to swap out my Boxster's engine for one from a 1999 996. It has been quite a process – after the initial swap, I was not happy with the exhaust sound, so last year I installed a Fabspeed. I also noticed last year that the car just didn't have quite as much power and torque as it should.

I started doing some inquiring last summer as to a good Porsche tuning shop, and over and over I was told to get in touch with Todd at a shop called Protomotive. After some back and forth emails, I was finally able to get in touch with Todd around the holidays, and we decided that I would bring the car down in the spring.

Since I had a week of vacation coming, I decided to

take the car down the last week of March. Now, when I say that Protomotive is in the middle of nowhere, that's an understatement. The nearest town to the them is Harrison, Arkansas (a town about the size of Fremont, 35 miles south of Branson, Missouri). Protomotive is not in town – they are 25 miles southwest of town, and five miles down (and I mean down) a dirt road from the highway. I told Todd that he should get the award for least accessible Porsche shop in the country, as I cannot imagine a place that is farther from civilization.

In any case, I drove the Boxster down on Sunday night, and on Monday morning, Todd picked up the car and began work. Around noon on Monday, Todd called and said that his preliminary runs on the

dyno showed that the stock program in the Boxster was WAY off – the air/fuel mixture was very lean at full throttle, and it was way down on power. He said that he would track the issues down Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday morning would install the new computer program and I would be all set to go.

Which, let me tell you, I was. While Harrison is situated in the beautiful Ozarks, there is precious little to do. On Monday, I drove up to Branson to do some looking around, and was astonished by how much damage was caused by the tornado a month earlier. If you are familiar with Branson, you'll know that the highway divides the main strip. To the west of the highway, nearly every other business was either

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2011 PORSCHE 911 CARRERA S (type 991)



I really like the new 911. The exterior design is a modern interpretation of a classic. The interior cabin offers a bit more space, and many added amenities. The driving dynamics are the most noticeable change, as the 4" lengthened wheelbase offers more stability, comfort and even more driving enjoyment. I invite you to come in for a test drive soon to experience the new 911.

Mitch Schneringer / Porsche General Sales Manager

Transmission Options:

- 7-speed manual or
- 8-speed Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK)

Horsepower: 400

Top Track Speed: 187 mph

Drivetrain: Rear Wheel Drive

Displacement: 3.8 liter

Torque: 325 lb-ft

Acceleration (0-60 mph):
4.1 seconds/3.9 seconds (PDK w/ Sport Plus)

Base Price: \$96,400



"The 997 is a great vehicle but when you drive that vehicle and the new 991 back to back you instantly can feel the changes they made in the vehicle. It is a night and day comparison. The 991 with PDCC is simply amazing. The new 991 is lighter, longer, smoother, and faster."

Andy Hipwell / Porsche Service Manager



"The new 991 is the epitome of Porsche Intelligent Performance by increasing both output and efficiency at the same time; Porsche has set the standard yet again."

Nic Meyer / Porsche Silver Meister Technician



"I truly found it difficult to see how Porsche could outdo themselves this time on an already sensational sports car. I asked myself how could this be done? Needless to say they accomplished the impossible! This car is no longer the benchmark for the sports car market; it has entered a class of its own where competitors only wish to be included."

Adam Brooks / Porsche Sales Consultant



"Just when you thought that Porsche could not top the 997, they go ahead and surprise you with a new evolution of the 911 and give you, hands down, the best sports car you could ever imagine- the 991! On the track or on the street, nothing drives better than the new 991! I could not break it free on the autocross no matter how hard I tried, and believe me, I tried hard."

Solomon Gill / Porsche Sales Consultant



"The new 911 (991) transgresses our notion of what the 911 is able to do. It redefines ability! Everything the 911 couldn't do before it can accomplish now! This car is such an extension of the driver's brain. If you think about some high speed maneuver - it will do it with ease. I was never the biggest fan of the 911 until now. I always thought the engineering was almost an afterthought and the mid-engine Boxster and Cayman were far superior driving machines. I now stand corrected and would venture to say the 911 is likely the best sports car on the planet. The gap between Porsche and the nearest competitor is enormous! We'll be watching our competitors on the street and at the track from our rearview mirror for years to come!"

Brian Weisenberg / Porsche Sales Consultant

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Sonic Show 'n' Shine Returns by Ken Kusik

It was started on a whim back in 1995. In musical terms it has proven to be more than a one-hit wonder. The numbers say it all: over 2,700 automobiles and well over 3,500 members and friends have attended roughly 60 events. In the last two years alone, four nights have drawn 400 cars. It is the longest running, best attended, summer social event in club history. Now in its 18th season, it is Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite.

Often imitated, rarely duplicated, it is a revival of the great cruising days of cheap gas, going steady, jukeboxes, and drive-in movies. From every main street in every town

USA, it is American car culture at its best. It is a good time, good feeling celebration of great cars and the people who love them.

Under the nostalgic glow of neon, America's Drive-In, Sonic, will be spinning the oldies, serving up big fun, and half price food for all who bring a car. We'll be hanging out at the south Sonic Drive In at South 48th and Highway 2 in Lincoln on Saturday nights: May 5, June 23, and August 18 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Come and go as you like.

Mark your calendar now and enjoy cruising in for our spectacular on wheels. Even Ferrari, Lamborghini, Audi and

Jaguar automobiles have been known to appear. Food, fun, friends, and our favorite cars. Don't miss it!

RIP

Ferdinand Alexander Porsche passed away on April 5 at the age of 76. Nicknamed "Butzi", son of Ferry Porsche, grandson of Ferdinand Porsche, was a German designer whose best known product was the first Porsche 911. While his grandfather and father were engineers, he was more involved into working out the appearance of a product. He never thought of himself as an artist or designer, but more as a technically

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completely destroyed, or had serious damage. To the east of the highway, Branson's big convention center/hotel had nearly every window blown out of it. It was terrible damage, and it looks like they are going to take awhile to get everything fixed back up.

On Tuesday morning, anxious to get going back to Omaha, I called Todd to see about the progress. He said that he was having issues with the mass airflow sensor, and that he was still trying to sort it out. He was hopeful that he could be done by the end of the day, but wasn't sure (I was having visions of having to stay in Harrison another night, and I was already going out of my

mind with boredom). Finally, about 3:00, he called and said that the car would be ready by 5:00.

I drove down to the shop to pick up the Boxster, and Todd explained that, using seven dyno pulls and his custom software, he was able to boost the power of the Boxster by 50 HP and 30 lb/ft of torque. The car is now putting out over 300 HP at the crank, and it goes like stink. What's better, it runs beautifully.

On the way back home, I was able to do some runs on the back-country roads, and it was a blast. The car performed flawlessly all the way back to Omaha, and it actually got better gas mileage than on the

way down.

After the work, I concur with all of the online and email recommendations that I got about Todd – he really is a Porsche tuning genius, and knew everything there is to know about getting the most out of a Porsche – interestingly, his specialty is air-cooled and Turbo P-cars, but he did a great job on the Boxster. Not only does Todd program computers, but he builds all manner of performance parts, so if you're looking to make an upgrade to your Porsche (and don't mind driving to the middle of nowhere), I would say that, in this part of the country, there is no better place to take it than Protomotive.

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Get Ready, Gymkhana Returns

On May 12, the GPR will hold a Gymkhana at Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha.

What is a gymkhana, you ask? Basically, it is a chance to drive your car on a closed course to demonstrate your exceptional driving abilities. The course will be laid out with cones. The objective is to drive through the course in as little time as possible.

The course organizers may add a wrinkle or two to keep things interesting.

Come on out, put down your best time, and enjoy the camaraderie as we share good times in great cars with better people.

First car off the line at 9am. So show up around 8:30 to check out the course and hear the rules.

We hope to be finished around noon to head over to Burger Star for lunch.



John Krecek negotiates the course at the Great Plains Region's last gymkhana. The event returns after a hiatus on May 12.

Inside Track (cont.)

Finally, since this is a "hat in hand" article, I thought I would also ask for Club Race volunteers. We always need people to help when the grid workers need to take a break, or

to help Tom check drivers in on Friday and Saturday morning. If you could come down to help (or will be down in Hastings for the DE anyway), and if you could spare a few hours to pitch

in, it would be much appreciated.

Hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.



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Minutes of the April 3, 2012 Board Meeting

Attending were board members Tom Cooper, Steve Wilwerding, Steve Gallagher, Steve Eckhart, Sally Knapp, Sandy Bruso, and Abe Schlott. Also present was Eric Elliott.

Social: No report.

Secretary: Approve minutes from previous meeting.

President: Discussed Club Race Sponsorships. Discussed upcoming Zone 10 meeting. Discussed Board Succession. Discussed upcoming events as follows:

3/10 FarmHouse Bfst 3/24 Dinner at Upstream

4/28-29 DE @ MAM 5/5 Sonic

5/12 Gymkhana 6/1-3 Club Race @ MPH

6/23 Sonic 8/18 Sonic

8/25 Steak Fry 9/16 1-Day DE @ MAM

Registrar: Reviewed MAM and MPH cost analysis to target break even costing. 25 registered for April DE to date. June DE registration will NOT open on www.clubregistration.net until April 30th at noon

Treasurer: Steve Gallagher reviewed financials.

Club Race Chair: No Report.

Membership: 29 renewals this month for a total of 93 paid local members.

Safety: April DE Insurance is done. Working on insurance for all rolling wheel events. Planning trip to MPH to do detailed planning on club race.

Newsletter: Sponsorship letters and newsletter going out soon.

Website: Up to date.

Past President and Chief Driving Instructor:

No report

Respectfully submitted by Abe Schlott



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