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The Schlott Steak Fry

# The Starting Line - Tom Cooper

We moved the Saturday morning breakfast to the first Saturday of the month in September because of the conflict with the DE at MAM, and let's do it again in October because of the fun run and beer and brats party planned at the Lynch's on October 11th. The Heartland Café has announced that they are going back to half price breakfast between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00A.M., so we should have an expanded menu in October.

The Fall Finale at MAM was well attended and the weather turned out to be almost perfect for the event. Saturday morning it was a little hard to find the track because of the fog, but the sun came up and by the time the first run group hit the track the fog was gone. The novice class was somewhat thin with only two students, and we combined them with the green run group instead of having a separate run group for novice only. There were

31 participants on Saturday and 26 participants on Sunday.

The Steak Fry at Kelly and Abe Schlott's home was well attended as always. Most of the DE participants made the event, and there were a few folks that couldn't make the DE, but were able to make it Saturday evening. It did help that the kickoff for the Husker game was not until 9:30 that night. John Krecek again acted as grillmaster.

In October we will have the Octoberfest Spass Lauf und Bier und Wurst Feier (Fun Run and Beer and Brats Celebration) starting at Carol and Bob Lynch's home. For the Fun Run be at Carol and Bob's by 2:30 P.M. with a full tank of gas, and the Octoberfest Beer and Brats Celebration will start at 5:30 P.M. on the CABG Patch deck. The Fun Run is being planned by Denny Strauss, so this will be a very interesting drive over

roads that most of us don't even know exist.

Elsewhere in this issue of Der Skooner, you will find a ballot for the election of Board members for 2015. Kurt Halvorson has agreed to run for President, and Melinda Halvorson has accepted the position of newsletter editor upon the retirement of George Poullos. Please be sure and send your ballot To Abe Schlott at [aschlott@wd-wpp.com](mailto:aschlott@wd-wpp.com) no later than November 1st.

In closing I would like to thank George Poullos for his service as Editor of Der Skooner over the last few years. George has brought many new ideas to the publication and has worked hard to find new advertisers. Thanks for a job well done.

Tom

## River City Cruise



GPR member were treated to a relaxing, enjoyable cruise on the Missouri River Friday September 12th. This is the River City Star at the dock. Photo courtesy John Shaner



The Bob Kerry bridge and the Omaha skyline from the River City Star. Photo courtesy John Shaner.

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# Fall Finally Driver Education



The ever thoughtful Bob Lynch brought a heater for his trailer to ensure his guests were comfortable while shooting the breeze and taking a lunch break. It was such a nice day Bob didn't even have to turn it on!



What would we do without Jim Avilla? Did you know that a red 911 is capable of doing a 720 between turns 14 and 15 at MAM? Impromptu pit crew members Jim and Russ Rabeler (hidden by Bob) assist in removing mud from the wheels. There are those that have, and those that will.



Above: Pretty Porsche's in a row awaiting their turn on the track at MAM!



Right: Sandy Brusco more than aptly taking charge at the grid in the absence of Eric Elliott and Russ Standage. Russ and Eric were on assignment elsewhere.

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# Schlott Steak Fry



*It's been unusually wet, gray and cool of late so a weekend with blue sky and warm temperature was simply perfect for the Fall Finally DE and Schlott Steak Fry!*

*Of course we gather in part because of the cars. Would it not be appropriate to bring your red Porsche to the Schlott Steak Fry the same evening the Huskers are playing football?*



*Host Kelly Schlott awaits her perfectly grilled steak from master multi-tasker John Krecek who has tongs in one hand and the correct wine in the other. We think Kelly's brother-in-law Doug is doing a taste test!*



*"What's that smell?" Tender, juicy and well seasoned midwestern steaks by our gracious hosts Abe, Kelly and Doug Schlott and masterfully grilled by the John Krecek the tong man!*



*Just because Jason Bein couldn't find a place to sit doesn't mean we don't have room for you. Next year we'll have more tables and chairs.*



*Cocktails at 6 - dinner at 7. Your fellow members mingling about the downstairs bar shooting the breeze, solving world problems, discussing a great day at the track or simply catching up because we haven't seen each other for a while. We missed you.*

# Des Moines Concours D 'Elegance - Scott Churilla

My 1985 Carrera was accepted into the Des Moines Concours D 'Elegance September 6th & 7th. To my astonishment the 911 garnered a podium finish in the Exotics Class. A Ford GT won, a Pantera was second, and my Carrera third. Mine was the only Porsche entered in the Concours – proudly displaying a 20 year GPR member sticker.

The event is very well run and a

fantastic experience for any car enthusiast. There were 8 automobile classes with a total of 141 cars, and a motorcycle class with 19 bikes entered. The event was held in downtown Des Moines surrounding the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park. The area is beautiful, with hotels, restaurants and refreshment establishments close by.

The event supports the Children's Cancer Connection, whose mission is

enhancing the lives of families affected by childhood cancer by providing quality programs for education, recreation and support.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. It's a close and somewhat of a sleeper event that I predict is going to continue to grow in size and stature in the coming years.

Photos and Narrative courtesy Scott Churilla



Des Moines Concours D 'Elegance First and Third place winners in the Exotics Class. Both beautiful cars but we prefer the Carrera!

Exotics Class entrants at the Des Moines Concours D 'Elegance.

**PLEASE** cast your ballot for the calendar year 2015 Great Plains Region Porsche Club of America Board of Directors. Current nominees for each Board position are listed. Space to write in a candidate is also provided.

**PLEASE** forward your ballot to Abe Schlott, 727 S. 13th St. Omaha NE 68102 or electronically to [aschlott@wd-wpp.com](mailto:aschlott@wd-wpp.com). **no later than December 1, 2014.**

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## **October**

- 4 **Breakfast at the Heartland Cafe** 2615 North Main Street Elkhorn, NE. 8a-???
- 11 **Octoberfest Spass Luf und Bier und Wurst Feier.** 6100 Northern Hills Drive Omaha, Spass Lauf (Fun Run) led by Denny Strauss. Please gather at the CABG Patch no later than 2:30p with a full tank of fuel. Octoberfest featuring Bier and Wurst (Beer and Brats) will be on the CABG Patch Deck from 5:30-8p. Additional food options will be available. Featuring World Renowned Chef John Krecek at the Tongs and Grill.  
**To ensure we have enough food for YOU please RSVP to Carol Lynch at 402-573-1684 or carol.lynych356@gmail.com by Oct. 8th.**
- 14 **New Member Appreciation Reception.** Porsche of Omaha 6503 L Street Omaha. 5:30-7:00p.
- 24 **Blue Man Group.** Orpheum Theatre. 409 S 16th St. Omaha, NE. 8p.  
Join fellow club members for an evening of outstanding entertainment. Pre-show meet at Jackson Street Tavern, 1125 Jackson Street anytime after 5:30p for food and/or beverage.

## **November**

- 6-9 **Escape to Magical Orlando.** Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World. These drives are rapidly filling up so if you plan to attend please go to ClubRegistration.net and get registered. You will get the exceptional rate for rooms at the fabulous Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World and have a chance to win a set of tires.
- 8 **Breakfast at the Heartland Cafe** 2615 North Main Street Elkhorn, NE. 8a-???
1. **Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes.** Orpheum Theatre. 409 S 16th St, Omaha, NE. 8p. Join fellow club members for an evening of outstanding entertainment. Pre-show meet at Jackson Street Tavern, 1125 Jackson Street anytime after 5:30p for food and/or beverage.

## **January**

17. **Great Plains Region Winter Party.** Oak Hills Country Club. 12325 Golfing Green Dr, Omaha, NE. Cocktails, dinner, awards. Detail to follow.

## **May**

- 29-31 **Carrera GT Club Race and advanced Driver Education.** Motorsports Park Hastings, 427 South Showboat Boulevard, Hastings, NE. Detail to follow but get it on your calendar today.

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# Breezy Hills Winery Fun Run - Dave Adler

"Thanks to George Krijan for planning and leading the fun run to Breezy Hills Winery in Minden, IA Sunday September 14th. We had 13 GPR members and their spouses show for a windy run through the Iowa hills culminating with a luncheon and wine tasting. George obviously has an in with the weather gods as we couldn't have asked for better driving weather.

The crew departed Millard North High School right on time for the approximately one hour cruise on scenic Iowa backroads to Breezy Hills. Thanks to the staff of Breezy Hills, Sara, Brittany, and Roberta, who provided a very tasty lunch, an assortment of their wine for all to taste, and an interesting tour of the winery's pressing, fermenting, and bottling operations. *Photos and narrative by Dave Adler.*



*You too would be smiling like these fellow GPR members if you experienced the fun run to Breezy Hills Vineyard on a perfect Sunday with blue skies and summer like temperatures aplenty! An interesting and educational tour, great wine and a very nice lunch! What a great Sunday!*



**ABOVE:** Gathering at Millard North anxiously awaiting the start of the Fun Run.

**RIGHT TOP:** Entrance to Breezy Hills Vineyard.

**RIGHT BOTTOM:** Thanks to Sara, Brittany, and Roberta... staff of Breezy Hills Winery



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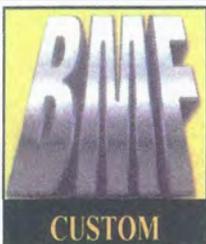
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The Great Plains Region PCA Board met Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at the home of Karen and Tom Cooper. Members in attendance: Sandy Bruso, Joe Chambers, Tom Cooper, Eric Elliott, John Krecek, Sally Knapp, Bob Lynch, George Poulos, Brian Tessman and Steve Wilwerding.

**Secretary:** The minutes of the Board meeting on August 5, 2014 were approved and the actions taken at that meeting were ratified.

**President:** The new National Bylaws will go into effect January 1, 2015. Most of the changes are to update the Bylaws to current practice and do little to change the relationship between National and the Great Plains Region. The annual new member appreciation reception will be held Tuesday, October 14th at Porsche of Omaha from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. The route for the fun run to the Breezy Hills Vineyard was inspected by three club members on Saturday, August 24. It was discovered that a section of the route had just been recently covered with fresh rock and was unacceptable for the run. An alternate route was explored and was much more acceptable with only three short sections of firmly packed rock. The ballot for elections to the Board of Directors was presented and will be published in the October Der Skooner with a cutoff date of November 1, 2014 for the ballots to be returned to the Secretary.

**Registrar:** Currently, there are 26 participants signed up for the September DE at MAM. There is only one novice and unless there is a significant number that sign up before the event, we will have only three run groups.

**Club Race Chair:** We have requested the dates for the 2015 Club Race from Susan Shire and she has replied that she will send the application as soon as it is available.

**Treasurer:** The monthly report was sent via e-mail.

**Social:** The September breakfast was moved up a week due to the DE being the second weekend in September. The golf tournament at Oak Hills Country Club was a very successful event and plans are to continue this as a yearly event. The annual Steak Fry will be held at the home of Kelly and Abe Schlott on Saturday night after the DE on September 13. All members of the Great Plains Region are invited even if you don't plan to participate in the DE, but be sure and RSVP to the Schlott's at aschlott@wd-wpp.com if you are planning on attending. The Blue Man Group sold the required number of tickets to obtain the discounted group rate. The Radio City Christmas Spectacular is three short of the goal. Eric will send out a group e-mail on Wednesday to see if we can generate additional interest. There will be a Fun Run starting at Carol and Bob Lynch's on Saturday October 11th. The Run will end back at Carol and Bob's with a brats and beer party following the Run. The Holiday Party will continue to be held in January at Oak Hills Country Club. We will try a new approach this year to see if attendance can be increased.

**Membership:** There were no new National members in August. Currently, the Region has 247 National members and 108 Regional members. Sandy also presented copies of three drawings by Howard Shoemaker that are on sale by a former club member for \$750. The Board decided not to purchase these drawings.

**Safety:** The insurance certificate for the DE at MAM on September 13th & 14th is approved. Insurance certificates for both fun runs have been applied for. Since Eric and Russ have other commitments on September 13th and 14th, Sandy Bruso will handle the grid for the Fall Finale.

**Newsletter:** George Poulos has decided to step down as editor of Der Skooner. Melinda Halvorson has agreed to replace him and they will meet on September 5th to work out an orderly transition.

**Website:** The website is up to date.

**Past President:** No Report

**Old/New Business:** None

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Cooper, Acting Secretary

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