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Porsches at night ... in the rain

Escape 2015

Photo by Kurt Halvorson

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THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Kurt Halvorson

I hope everyone is enjoying this mild fall weather. It's always a great opportunity to accomplish a few extra car projects before the weather precludes those activities.

This past month featured a club breakfast at the downtown Kaneko exhibit called "Design in Motion". Two of our members had cars on display at the exhibit, Bob Lynch and Jim Vulku. Page 8 has an article by Steve Gehring detailing the events of that morning. On a national level the Porsche Escape was held at Rushmore Plaza in the Black Hills of South Dakota, October 1st – 3rd. Thirteen GPR members attended, and while the weather was not ideal, it was a well-organized event detailed in an article by Walt Wood on Page 9. The event is one of the two national events hosted by the PCA each year – the other being Parade. The Nordstern region out of the Twin Cities was the region hosting Escape this year. Next year they are renaming and reorganizing Escape into PCA Treffen North America, which PCA promises will move around the country more to allow for (hopefully) greater participation. For those looking for one last road course event, RPM in Glenwood is hosting their annual Boo Bash on October 31st. While this is not a GPR or PCA sponsored event, it has proven a fun fall activity, replete with a tractor and wagon ride around the track at day's end. See GPRPCA.com for more information.

Porsche is wrapping up a very successful racing year on a national and international level. Many private individuals and corporate teams have enjoyed success, but Porsche sponsored teams

are back at the pinnacle of racing once again. After winning LeMans in June, the 919 Hybrid has won four times in a row through the recent race in Fuji, Japan. Two more World Endurance Championship (WEC) races remain – Shanghai and Bahrain in November. Through the race in Fuji, Porsche leads in the Drivers' and Manufacturers' standings. In the Tudor Series sports car racing GT LeMans class (911/GT3RS variants), teammates Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet secured the top spot at the Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta this past month. That win secured the Driver's and Manufacturers' championship for the year in their class as well.

A reminder: this coming January's annual Winter Party will be held at Indian Creek Golf Course – a change in venue from Oak Hills Country Club on January 23rd. Other events under consideration for the winter months include a DE 101 class to overview what a DE weekend is like for those who would like to consider one and have concerns or questions they would like addressed. We are also working on scheduling a detailing session at member Trent Abbott's new detailing facility in Papillion called Veloce Brothers. Keep checking your email and the GPR calendar for notice of these and other events which get scheduled.

If you haven't already, please cast your ballot for your board of directors online at our website at GPRPCA.com by December 1st. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

-Kurt

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A View from the Shop

By Jason Bien, Service Professional, Porsche Omaha

Instead of writing another lengthy op-ed, I figured it might be beneficial to talk briefly about some new and old things we're seeing in the shop with various cars. I'm hoping one or more of these will help shed some light on an issue someone may be experiencing. For this short article we'll focus on the first generation 987 and 997.

Let's begin:



987/997.1

The dreaded lightning bolt.

Symptoms: Battery keeps going low, locking issues, random alarm siren

Cause: Faulty circuit in the front end control module

Correction: Replace front end control module, code to vehicle, and clear faults

This is not a terribly common issue, but when it occurs it typically takes a battery with it due to this control unit being responsible for allowing the vehicle to go into hibernation after being shut off and locked.

Beware the lightning bolt!

997.1

Sluggish start with a good battery

Symptom: Charged battery, good starter...yet barely wants to start.

Cause: Poor factory crimp and/or corrosion causes increased resistance to starter.

Correction: Replace main Y-harness connecting alternator, starter, and distribution block.

This little bugger can create a maddening situation of sluggish and faulty starts even with a jump start. It's tricky to replace, but well worth it to avoid getting stuck somewhere.

Due to changing parts pricing shoot me a call and I can get you a quote on either item if you're having issues with either of these. More to come!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 5th GPR New Member Dinner Bella Vita 301, Elkhorn 6:00 pm
6:00 Social Hour, 7 - 9:30 Dinner. See Page 8 for more information. RSVP by October 30th.
- 12 - 15th PCA Palooza Eureka Springs, Arkansas
- 14th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
Please RSVP to kmburger37@icloud.com by Wednesday, November 11th.

December

- 12th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am

January - 2016

- 9th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 23rd GPR Annual Winter Party The Club at Indian Creek 6:00 pm
Put this event on your calendar! You MUST be a current GPR member to attend.
Renew your membership today! See Page 3 for membership information.

Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: gprpca.com



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Join your fellow Porsche Club of America members at Porsche Parade 2016, in Jay Peak, Vermont from June 19th to June 26th.

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Fall Fun Run to Des Moines - Sept. 26th

By Larry Ziman

Our Fun Run to Des Moines was everything we'd hoped it would be, even though only 4 cars participated. Glen Page was accompanied by Pam Story, Dr. Gile Head and son, Spencer, Paul Vana, and yours truly with my wife and navigator, Kayleen. We met at 10:00 AM at the Henry Doorly Zoo parking lot and after a short visit and paper work we departed.

Our first leg of the trip was a rough ride to say the least and I'm sure once we arrived on Highway 44

everyone gave a sigh of relief! None of our participants had traveled this scenic byway before and all gave it a thumbs up upon arriving at the Machine Shed Restaurant in Des Moines. The weather was picture-perfect and we enjoyed a wonderful meal and made new friendships. With Nebraska winning against Southern Miss, I guess you couldn't ask for a better weekend.

Thanks to all of the participants!

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GPR New Member Dinner - November 5th

By Kim Burger, Social Chair

The Porsche Club of America is the largest single marque car club in the world due in great part to the cars that make that iconic brand so popular with car enthusiasts around the world. But it is always important to remember that the club is as much about the people as it is the car. So to that end we should always remember to welcome those afflicted by the same ailment as they enter the treatment program that we call the Great Plains Region/PCA.

We will be holding a club dinner welcoming all new 2015 GPR members on Thursday, November 5, 2015 in the Bella Vita 301 which is directly upstairs from the Bella Vita Ristorante at 2620 N Main Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022. This will give you an opportunity to meet your fellow new members and welcome them

to a great organization. All current GPR members are welcome at this event.

The event will begin at 6:00 PM with a social hour (cash bar) followed by dinner from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM. The food will be a pasta bar which will include two types of pasta, three sauces and two meats (Italian sausage and grilled chicken) plus bread and a house salad. Soft drinks, coffee and tea are included in the meal price. Wine and other alcoholic beverages are available for cash. The total cost of the meal per person will be \$16 which includes tax and gratuity.

Due to the fact the restaurant will be charging us by head count you need to send your RSVP with payment. To pay online, please go to our

website, gprpca.com and click on the payment button on the home page. To pay by check, please make your check payable to GPR/PCA for \$16 per person and send to our Treasurer:

Russ Rabeler
1712 North Nye Ave
Fremont, NE 68025

We need your RSVP with payment to be received online, or by check to be received by Russ by Friday, October 30, 2015 to have a head count for the restaurant in time for the event.

The Bella Vita 301 does have a capacity of 65 so please get your RSVP in ASAP to reserve a space.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the New Member event.

Breakfast at Kaneko's - October 10th

Article and Photo by Steve Gehring, Secretary

No, not Tiffany's and no jewelry, but certainly exquisite automotive jewels! Thirty-one of us gathered at the Kaneko Gallery Saturday, October 10th for breakfast and a gracious private showing of Kaneko's latest exhibit, Design in Motion. Our Club has two outstanding Porsche cars there, Bob Lynch's 912 and Jim Vulku's 911 Turbo S. Among the rest of the jewels is the standout 1937 Talbot-Lago Coupe in stunning purple, a beautifully restored 1967 E-Jag (which Enzo Ferrari called the most beautiful car ever built), and a 1936 supercharged Auburn boattail speedster. In a recent poll of the 10 most beautiful ever made, these three were on the list.

Go to the Kaneko Gallery and see this one-of-a-kind exhibit which also includes some wonderful vintage bicycles and motorcycles.

1937 Talbot-Lago Coupe



Escape to Rushmore: October 1st - 3rd

Article and Photo by Walt Wood

From September 30 – October 3, the PCA “2015 Escape to Rushmore” was held in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Zone 10 and Nord Stern Region hosted the event; and Rapid City was the starting point for all of the drives and tours through the Black Hills and other scenic locations near Rapid City.

A total of 13 people from the Great Plains Region attended the event: Kurt & Melinda Halvorson; Bob & Carol Lynch; Joe & Cindy Chambers; Jeff & Linda Sena; Russ & Jetty Rabeler, Kim Burger, John Artherton, and myself. It was my first PCA event of this type, however, many of the other attendees from our Region were veterans for these types of events.

The representation of PCA members with their Porsches attending the event was impressive:

- 285 Porsches, and
- 550 people representing
 - o 38 states, and
 - o 5 Canadian provinces

Wednesday was a “driving day” to the event, for most of the attendees. I took time to drive through the Badlands National Park, before arriving at Rapid City. The park was an amazing sight – one which pictures do not do justice.

Upon arriving at the Rapid City Holiday Inn, it was interesting to see so many Porsches in the parking lot. The Nord Stern Region facilitated the event registration very well. On Wednesday evening, the Penfold Winery from Australia, hosted a wine-tasting event.

We began our individual drives/ tours on Thursday morning. There were a total of nine individual tours/ drives on Thursday, thirteen tours/ drives on Friday, and nine tours/ drives on Saturday, which the attendees could sign up for. I chose the “Southern Hills” tour on Thursday. We drove through Custer State Park, and also drove on the Iron Mountain Road going through a number of narrow tunnels and over pigtail bridges and a lot of fun switchbacks, which were just made for Porsches.

On Thursday evening there was a car show, where many of the attendees displayed their Porsches. There were two 356’s at the show, both of which were in great condition. The evening ended with the Welcome Picnic.

On Friday, I participated in the Northern Drive, which was through the northern part of the Black Hills. We only had 15 Porsches on this particular drive. All of us had to focus more on the drive, than looking at the scenery, as we did not always comply with the posted speed limits! It was very enjoyable, driving our Porsches the way our cars are built to be driven, on the winding and twisting roads. We had good weather almost all day. However, those people that took tours or drives in the southern part of the Black Hills had different driving conditions, as they experienced some very dense fog.

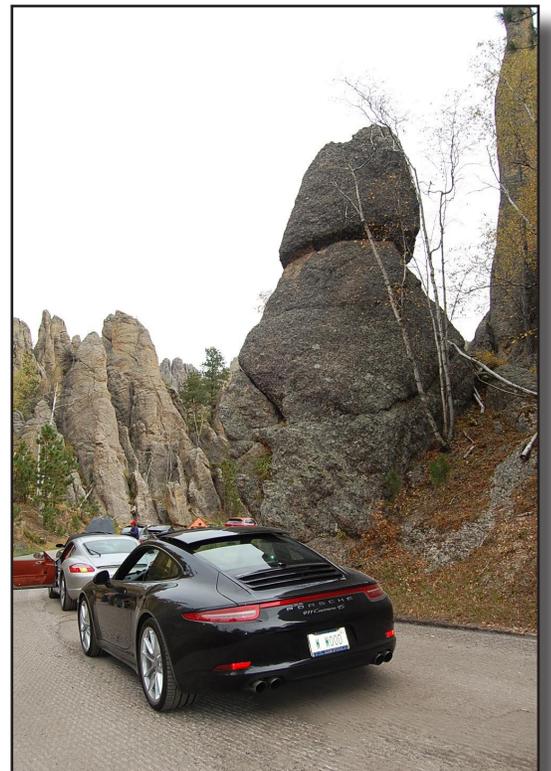
Friday night, the Omaha contingent had dinner at the

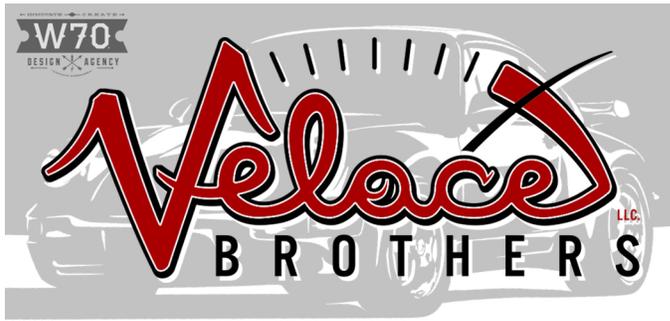
Botticelli Ristorante Italiano. We all enjoyed the great Italian food and each other’s company. Our thanks goes to Melinda Halvorson for organizing this dinner.

I was scheduled to go on the Mount Rushmore/Crazy Horse tour on Saturday. However, the weather report was for rain and fog. When I got up on Saturday, I saw that the weathermen had given an accurate forecast. Rather than drive in the rain and fog in the mountains, I decided to return to Omaha one day early, as did most of the other people from our region.

By leaving on Saturday, I missed the Farewell Banquet. However, I still had a great time at my first official PCA national event. It has made me look forward to when I can attend another such event.

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If you would like to vote by mail, please send this ballot to: Steve Gehring, 9743 Nottingham Drive, Omaha, NE 68114, **no later than December 1, 2015.**

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Der Skooner

New Members

By Sandy Bruso,
Membership Chair

Welcome to our new PCA members:

Larry Butler
Kent Lentz

Mark Hoffman
transferred back into our region

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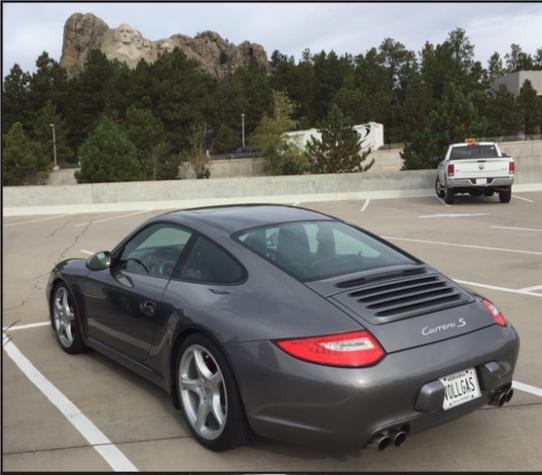


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Top Left: "Vollgas" at Mt. Rushmore (photo by Joe Chambers); Top Right and Above: Black Hills National Forest & Custer State Park; Above Left: Needles Highway; Left & Below: Car Show (photos by Kurt & Melinda Halvorson)



Visit to NASA ... not the space agency!

By Kurt Halvorson, President

The weekend of 9/25 Terry Lessmann, Joe Chambers, Steve and Jeff Gehring, Russ and Jetty Rabeler and I headed to KC for the weekend to drive the Kansas Speedway with a NASA (National Auto Sport Association) event.

We went through tech inspection Friday night. The one chuckle during our tech inspections was the young man who couldn't find the engine on the Caymans. We assured him they each had one.

Saturday morning's drivers' meeting was not well organized, and for new participants, not informative enough. Terry was very helpful to us in directing us on their process for gridding up, which is much different than a PCA managed event. We all drove in DE group 3 (out of 4), but we found out we would be driving

with group 4 anyway, since NASA grouped 1 and 2 together, and 3 and 4 together. There was no point by required for passing, other than in a corner. First session out that didn't prove to be much of an issue as we were all getting acclimated to driving the road course and oval ("Roval"). One process of NASA we all liked was a driver meeting after each track session to debrief on any issues and receive a colored card to give the grid worker as your ticket to going out in the next session. Second session out was much more fun, speeds increased and we were looking forward to more improvement in the afternoon sessions and on Sunday.

Our first afternoon session was cut short after a car broke down and had to be towed off the track. Looking forward to our last Saturday

session we learned that the track had been mysteriously closed with no reason given. We later learned that the Speedway didn't understand the DE cars would be participating for the weekend, and along with some other "Taste of the Track" group issues; NASA and the Speedway had run into contractual misunderstandings. According, the Speedway closed down for the rest of Saturday and all of Sunday.

Disappointed, we all headed home Sunday. We later received half of our money back for the event. Suffice it to say, we all agreed PCA DE events are better organized and safer than this event was. We also agreed it is a huge comfort to drive with others on the track whom we know, or who have been similarly trained at PCA events.



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GPR Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club.

Members in attendance: Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Tom Cooper, Sally Knapp, Russ Rabeler, and Steve Gehring. Eric Elliot and Joe Chambers attended by conference telephone call. Kim Burger and Sandy Brusio were unable to attend.

Events Update: The Club breakfast was held on October 10, 2015, at the Kaneko Gallery. Total attendance was 31 and was very well received by all in attendance. A thank you letter was sent to the Kaneko Gallery for their generosity in offering the space at no charge. Next breakfast is at 8:00 am on November 14, 2015, at The Egg & I.

The new member hospitality event will be held Thursday November 5, 2015, at Bella Vita in Elkhorn. A rental fee of \$150 has been paid. New members will receive a special invitation for the event. There will be a cash bar from 6-7 pm followed by dinner. New members and a guest will be paid for by the Club and members will pay \$17.50 per person plus tip and tax. Members will be asked to RSVP and pay in advance to avoid no-show problems.

The 2016 holiday party will be held January 23, 2016, at Indian Creek Golf Course. Hap Abraham will cater the dinner. Dinner preferences can be selected following their publication in the November issue of Der Skooner. It was unanimously approved to have the Club pay for the dinner cost for dues paying members and spouse/significant other.

Possible future events included a monthly breakfast and Fun Run to Lincoln to view Speedway Museum, a garage tour, a gimmick tour, and a detailing instruction event with Trent Abbott at his new detailing business, Veloce Brothers.

Amended Bylaws: It was determined to submit the Amended Bylaws for approval by electronic means which Steve Gehring advised was legally permissible. The annual holiday party will also be designated and serve as the annual meeting of members.

Secretary: The minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved and distributed.

President: It was reported that 43 ballots were already in for the election of the 2016 Board. There was a discussion about eliminating dues for 2017 and beyond. This will be further considered and acted on at a later date.

Past President: There was a discussion about a 50th anniversary logo. It was determined to have members submit ideas and ask Steve Ginn, one of our architect members, to do a final design from the Board's selection. It was also noted

that there needs to be planning for 50th anniversary events, including a dinner and a prominent dinner speaker.

Treasurer: The opening account balance for September was \$83,584 and the closing balance was \$93,809. Major income included \$11,255 from the DE at RPM, dues of \$30 and interest income of \$11. Major expenses were a \$1,000 deposit for the holiday party, administrative and miscellaneous of \$70. The payment to RPM for the track fee of \$9,910 was still outstanding and would have reduced the remaining balance to \$83,899. The net income for the DE at RPM was \$2,143.

Editor/Newsletter: In the next Der Schooner, there will be an article on Escape, along with pictures, another tech article by Jason Bien, an article on the Fun Run to Des Moines and a short article on the Kaneko breakfast.

Membership: There are currently 250 national members including 2 new plus 1 transfer and 12 renewals. The current GPR members are 144. It was noted that approximately one year ago, there were 108 members so we have grown nicely.

Registrar: The Registrar noted that the net income for the RPM DE on September 19 and 20 was \$2,143. Tentative dates for 2016 include the Spring Fling on April 30/May 1, 2016 at RPM, the Club Race and DE at MPH on June 3, 4, and 5, 2016, the summer fun event at MPH on July 16 and 17, 2016 and the fall finale at RPM on October 8 and 9, 2016. Joe Chambers noted in his report that he had taken the Registrar's position for 3 years and 2016 will be his 3rd year. We will need a Registrar replacement for the 2017 season. If any Club member has an interest, he or she should contact Joe Chambers or Kurt Halvorson to discuss it. The position requires good organizational skills, the ability to develop spreadsheets, and preferably, but not required, DE experience.

Safety: No further report.

Social: No further report.

Website: All matters were up to date.

Driving Instructor: It was discussed and determined that an instructor refresher course should be held within the next year as well as a new class for instructors. The Safety Officer and the Driver Instructor will provide details and timing later.

The next meeting will be November 3, 2015, 6:00 pm at Oak Hills Country Club.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Gehring, Secretary

*You and Your Guest are Cordially
Invited to Attend
the Great Plains Region Annual Winter Party*

Saturday, January 23, 2016

The Club at Indian Creek
3825 N 202nd St, Elkhorn, Nebraska

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner followed by Awards

Watch for more information to come!

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