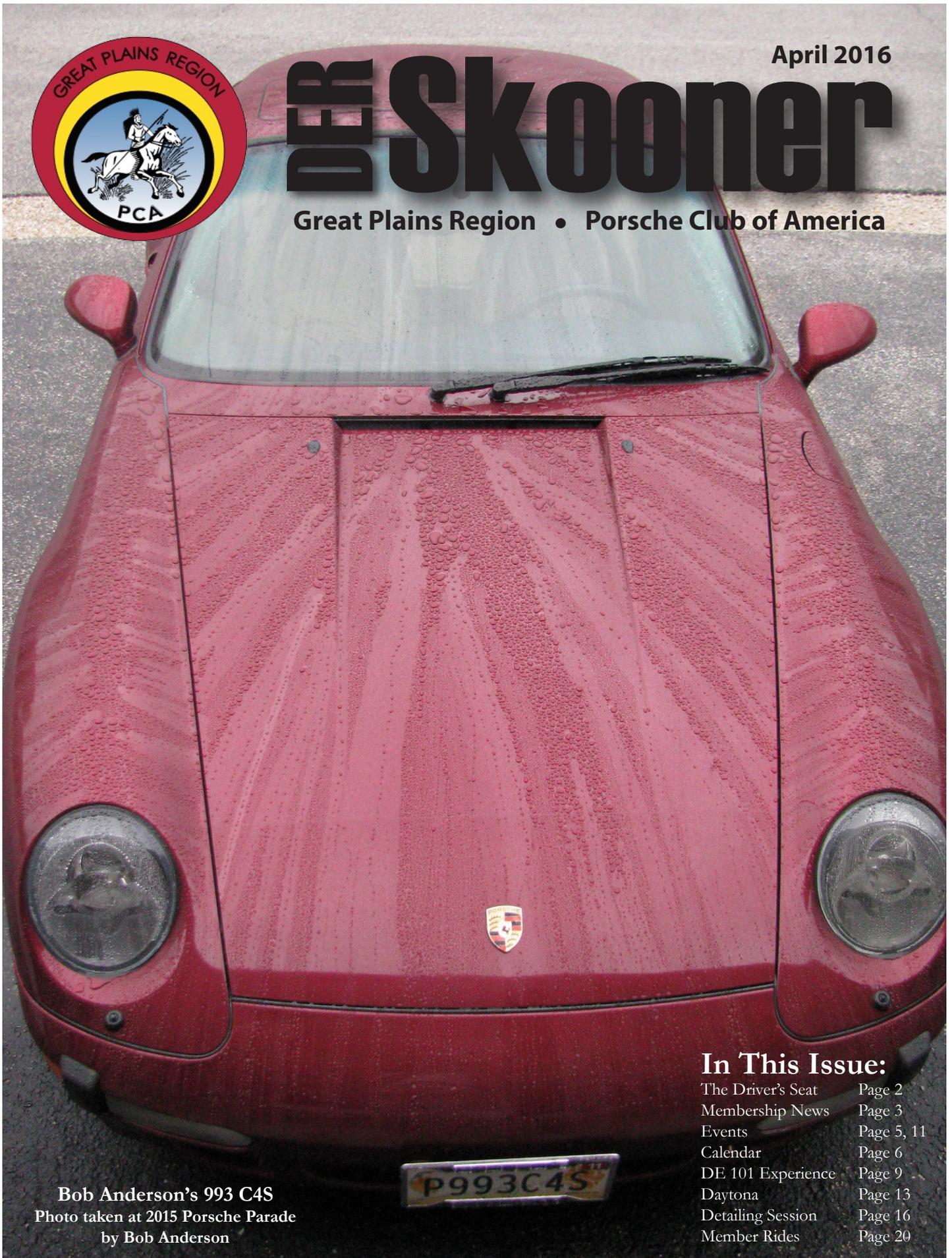




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Bob Anderson's 993 C4S
Photo taken at 2015 Porsche Parade
by Bob Anderson

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THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Kurt Halvorson

Spring is officially here, at least on the calendar. The past month featured some great events to whet your appetite for Spring driving. The DE 101 event, covering all things of interest for participating in a Driver Education event, was held at Porsche Omaha and is recapped on page 9. The monthly Porsches and Pancakes breakfast had another great turnout, with the weather cooperating just long enough to allow member cars to make an appearance.

This past weekend saw the Veloce Brothers detailing event take place in Papillion, creating interest in preparing and maintaining the finishes of the outside and inside of our cars. This past weekend also marked the second major endurance race for IMSA for 2016, the annual 12 Hours of Sebring. Porsche didn't fare as well as at Daytona (read about Joe Chambers' experience on page 13), ending up with a podium position of 3rd place in the GTLM class, and no podium in the GTD class. The weather conditions went from dry to wet, to dangerous – with heavy rain and lightning – causing officials to red flag the race for a couple hours. The 911s were running fast in the rain, having better engineered a water channeling system to shed water quickly from the underside of

the car. Once conditions improved, however, an unfortunate overtaking attempt by a Corvette took out the GTLM class leading Porsche and left Chevy with another (undeserved?) first place at the checkered flag.

Back to club news, we have a very special event to celebrate in 2017 – the 50th Anniversary of the GPR! We are busy working on plans for a very special dinner, venue, guest speaker and a date. In conjunction with the year-long celebration, we have decided to hold a contest among club members to design a special 50th Anniversary logo for the GPR to use in 2017. Look for specific information in the May issue of Der Skooner, fire up those creative juices, and dust off your art supplies!

Until then, enjoy the many contributions submitted for this April issue of Der Skooner, including the many advertising sponsors we have. I encourage you to support their businesses when your needs arise, and remember to thank them and our sponsors for their support. Are you a sponsor yet? Sponsorship levels are detailed on page 18. Thanks to all who have contributed for this year already, and happy motoring to all.

-Kurt

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Membership News

By Sandy Brusco
Membership Chair

Join or renew your GPR membership online. You must be a PCA member (www.pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire each year on December 31st, unless you renew for multiple years.

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Porsche Club of America (PCA) welcomes all Porsche clubs, owners, and enthusiasts to the third annual PCA Werks Reunion to be held Friday, August 19th, during the world-famous Monterey Car Week on California's Monterey Peninsula. Membership in PCA is not required to participate in this celebration of Porsche automotive engineering. Expect to view a breathtaking array of Porsches at this free-to-spectators event, from rare classics to current models and everything in between. Display your own cherished car in model-specific Porsche Corrals or enter the Porsche Concours and compete to win in more than 20 prize categories. Go to werksreunion.com for more information and to register.



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GPR Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event. The magnetic name badges are \$12, which includes shipping to your home. They take about 3 weeks to arrive.

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Loaded trailer, two massive dogs and my mother in the car...

I wanted to take a few moments to share my recent experience at Woodhouse Porsche with you...

To preface, I have owned Porsches for the past 10 years, and have dealt with dealerships and service departments in Dallas, TX, Chicago, IL, Minneapolis, MN, and Nashville, TN. The team at Woodhouse stands head and shoulders above any of my previous experiences.

On Tuesday, Feb 23rd I was in the process of moving from Indiana to Colorado in my Cayenne S with a fully loaded trailer in tow, 2 massive dogs in the back, and my mother in the passenger seat. At about 4:30pm I began to experience significant issues.

Luckily for me, I was only about 20 miles outside of Omaha. I pulled over and called the Woodhouse Service Department and spoke with Andy Hipwell. After explaining my situation, Andy made sure I had directions to the dealership, and because my arrival time was scheduled to be at or after the departments closing time, he took extra steps to ensure a technician would stay to help me as much as possible.



Upon arrival, Andy was waiting for me; he helped me detach my fully loaded trailer and already had a potential diagnosis for my problem. Once the problem was verified, Andy and team began work (after normal hours) so that I could get back on the road that evening. During my two hour stay at the dealership, the entire staff was amazing. I had no expectation that my two 120lb dogs would be welcome in the waiting area, but I was assured that they were. Everyone came over to check in, say hello, and make sure we were attended to. I had great conversations with Brian Weisenberg and Joseph Grimaldi from sales, and Andy consistently checked in with me and kept me up to date.

By 7pm I was back on the road. It would have been very easy for Andy and team to have left on time and simply push me to the next day or not offer to help, but that clearly never crossed his mind.

Exceptional service is not recognized enough, and I would be remiss if I let this opportunity pass without letting you know about Andy and the rest of your team. On behalf of my family and I, I offer my sincere thanks. Because of my experience, Woodhouse Porsche will absolutely be my dealer of choice for my future Porsche purchases.

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You and a Guest are invited to attend the GPR Spring Fling Social

Always a big hit, don't miss this year's Spring Fling Social at the Upstream Brewing Company in the Old Market in Omaha. This event is open to all current GPR members in good standing with the Great Plains Region, and for those who are registered participants in the DE this weekend. If you haven't renewed your GPR membership for 2016, go to gprpca.com and click on the "Join or Renew my Membership Online" button.

There will be a Cash Bar with a Dinner Buffet to follow in the downstairs Party Room. Mark your calendars and bring your appetites for an evening of good food with old and new friends. RSVPs are a MUST for this event!

April 30th, 2016

6:00 pm

**Upstream Brewing Company - downstairs Party Room
Old Market Location - 514 S. 11th St.
Omaha**

**RSVP to Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com
by Saturday, April 23rd.**

Join us for a unique opportunity for a Fun Run, breakfast, and private viewing of the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska on **Saturday, May 14th**. We will meet at the Menard's parking lot at 750 N. 205th in Elkhorn. Please arrive early so we can depart for the Fun Run at **7:30 AM SHARP!** (Please note the earlier start time.)

The price will be \$12.50 for breakfast, and \$15 for museum admission. Breakfast will be catered by Chez Hay and will consist of eggs and sausage, pastries, coffee and juice.

You must pre-pay for this event by Friday, May 13th using Stripe on our secure website: gprpca.com and click on the green "RSVP and Pre-Pay for the Museum of American Speed Event" on the home page. This event is limited to the first 30. Sign up NOW! It's going to be a great morning!

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- 29th Porsche 911 Open House & Reveal Porsche Omaha, 6625 L St. 5:30-7:30 pm
 See Page 14 for more information. RSVP by April 22nd to porsche.rsvp@woodhouse.com.
- 30th Spring Fling Social at Upstream Brewing Company - Old Market, Omaha 6:00 pm
 See Page 5 for more information. We need your RSVP to kmburger37@icloud.com by April 23rd.
- 30th-May 1st Spring Fling Driver Education RPM - Pacific Junction, IA
 Register NOW at ClubRegistration.net.

May

- 7th Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - South 48th Street & Highway 2, Lincoln 6-9:00 pm
 See Page 11 for more information and make plans to attend!
- 14th Fun Run, Breakfast & Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed, Lincoln 7:30 am
 NO Porsches & Pancakes this month. See Page 5 for the details and register NOW! Note the earlier start time.

June

- 3rd, 4th & 5th Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced Driver Education - MPH - Hastings
 Registration opens April 28th at ClubRegistration.net.
- 11th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 19th-26th Porsche Parade 2016 Jay Peak, Vermont
 Go to 2016parade.pca.org for information and to register.

July

- 9th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 16th-17th Summer Fun DE MPH - Hastings
 Registration opens June 4th at ClubRegistration.net.
- 27th-31st Rocky Mountain High Way 2016 Colorado Springs, CO
 Go to www.rockymtnhwy.com for more information and to register.

August

- 6th Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - South 48th Street & Highway 2, Lincoln 6-9:00 pm
- 13th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 13th-14th Fun Run and Overnight at Hotel Pattee Perry, IA
 Only 20 rooms have been reserved for this special event. Put this on your calendar and watch for more information!
- 19th PCA Werks Reunion Monterey, CA 7 am - 4 pm
- 21st Summerfest Show 'N Shine* 1200 N. 181st Court, Elkhorn 1-3:00 pm

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Club Race DE at MPH.

June 3,4 & 5. **Advanced drivers only.**

Registration begins April 28.



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Summer Fun DE at MPH.

July 16 & 17.

Registration begins June 4.

Raceway
Park of the
Midlands



Fall Finale at RPM.

October 8 & 9.

Registration begins August 27.

All of these events
are viewable on

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DE 101 Experience

By Shawn Keeler, GPR member, Photos by Joe Chambers

Since purchasing my first Porsche roughly three years ago, I have always been curious of what it would be like to experience these cars on the track and really see what it was made of, but I just didn't know where to start.

In late 2015 I took delivery of our third Porsche, a 2016 Cayman GT4, and after taking delivery of the car and putting roughly six hundred miles on it, I just knew I needed to take the plunge and get this car out on the track.

Over the course of my three years of Porsche ownership, I wasn't really involved in the GPR PCA club and its events, other than being a member. Looking back on my reasoning for this, I guess it boiled down to the not so pleasant experiences I had in the past with other "car club associations" that I had been a member of in the past, most of which were very unorganized, and when they did have events, the majority of the time was spent discussing how inferior other auto manufacturers were. GPR PCA on the other hand has been the complete opposite. I have attended several Porsche & Pancakes breakfasts and events that have been a great source of networking, general conversation, car talk and discussion of upcoming events.

In February of this year I took my first step towards making my track debut by attending the GPR PCA DE 101 event. To me, this seemed like the perfect forum to get answers to the basic questions I had and get a feel of what I would expect at the track. This event accomplished all of



Sally Knapp, Safety Chair, reviews important guidelines for proper helmets.

this and more.

This classroom style event was held in Porsche Omaha's service department and was nothing short of top notch. Needless to say, it was a welcome change from a bunch of people in a parking lot leaning next to their cars going over copied handouts. After a brief meet and greet and sign in, the presentation began and was conducted primarily by Sally Knapp, GPR's Safety Chair. I can't stress enough how inviting and informative the overall presentation was. Sally really hit the nail on the head with exactly what I was looking for in an introductory track driving class. Her attention to detail and the reassurance of running a safe track experience for all drivers and staff was very well communicated and stressed. I can't believe this whole time leading up to this event, I was more concerned about what to bring, where to go and how will I know what to do at the track, than

the actual driving on the track itself!

Sally, with the help of some great visual aids and presenters, started with the very basics of reinforcing to the attendees that everyone is capable of taking their car to the track and having a great experience. At the end of the day, as Sally mentioned, these events are not about the fastest lap, or beating the car behind you, it is about making us better, safer drivers and knowing what our cars are capable of.

From there, the focus shifted towards safety and what to expect while on the track. The presentation covered every aspect a first time track driver would need to know - how to shop for the correct helmet, clothing, procedures, track instruction and of course how to get your car ready for the track.

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To conclude the class, we all shuffled into the service department, which is nothing short of top notch and amazingly clean. While in the shop, we all viewed a technical track inspection being conducted. Our inspection subject was a beautiful 2014 Carrera 4S. Also, one of Woodhouse's technicians went line by line down the actual technical inspection sheet and explained and demonstrated what to look for and check in each section. This was a great way to view how and why these inspections are performed. Plus, it's a perfect

way to get up close and personal with your car and see how it works.

After a small general question and answer period, the class concluded with a number of us taking in the dealership's newly stocked inventory and of course consuming the left over refreshments. All in all, this event was just what I needed as a novice track driver, and all but eliminated those questions I had. From the basics of simply getting your car ready for the track, to registering for an event and everything in between, this is a must for all track enthusiasts.



Rew Johnson walks attendees through a typical tech inspection.

Are you ready to sign up for a DE? Register now for the GPR Spring Fling DE at RPM on April 30th and May 1st at ClubRegistration.net. Contact Joe Chambers, Registrar, at gprclubreg@cox.net with any questions.

New Snell Helmet Ratings

By Sally Knapp
Safety Chair

As of **June 1, 2016** all helmets must be **Snell 2010** rated or better. That means there must be a **SA2010, SA2015, or SAH2015 label** somewhere on your helmet. Snell 2015 helmets are currently available online or at Speedway in Lincoln. As in the past, motorcycle helmets are not allowed. If your helmet has a M2010 or M2015 sticker, you won't be able to use it.

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Porsches and Pancakes: March 12th

Show 'N Shine Cruise Nights

By Ken Kusik, GPR Member

“Happy Days” are here again as the neon nostalgia event of the summer, Show 'N Shine Cruise Nights, returns for an incredible 22nd year!

Relive the cool cruising days with us when hanging out with your friends was fun and going steady, drive-in movies, jukeboxes and carhops were still around. We'll be listening to the oldies under the glow of neon at America's drive-in Sonic at South 48th and Highway 2 in Lincoln with half price food for everyone!

Pop in a Beach Boys tape and cruise on in and check it out. Getting there is only half the fun! We'll be there from **6:00 to 9:00 PM** but you can come and go as you like. Mark your calendar now for Saturday nights **May 7th** and **August 6th**. See old friends and make some new ones. Food, fun, friendship and our favorite cars ... it doesn't get any better than this!



Photo by Steve Gehring

Twenty-six Porsche friends attended the March Porsches & Pancakes. Don't miss this month's breakfast on **April 9th**. We meet at **The Egg & I at 3605 N. 147th Street in Omaha at 8 am in the private room**. As always, your RSVP is very much appreciated so the restaurant has enough staff available. Email Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com by April 6th and let him know you'll be there. It's time to get those Porsches out of the garage!

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Story and Photos by
Joe Chambers, Registrar

When I think about the track at Daytona the words that came to mind are huge, world class, historic and legendary. My first (and only) visit lived up to the hype. It's not just huge it's gargantuan. It's funny how you envision things in your mind before you actually see it in person. Often your mind's picture is way different than reality. I thought "The Track" would be out of town a little ways away from the city life. It is smack dab in town. The track is on one side and Starbucks and the rest of the retail and restaurant world are on the other.

I was there for the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona. This was a bucket list item about to be checked off. Mine is a 2-part dream and part one was about to be accomplished. Getting to watch the Rolex 24 was part one. Driving a DE at Daytona will be part 2 (some day, maybe).

When I first saw the track I was passing the airport coming down S. Williamson Pkwy. It appeared monstrously big on the other side of the airport. I then turned onto W. International Speedway Blvd. This is where the grandstands begin and it seems like you drive forever and you just keep passing grandstands. Daytona just completed a massive renovation in January and it's very impressive. I parked across the street from the track (free parking) and used one of the pedestrian walkway bridges to get to the track. \$105 later I was in the track and could

go anywhere I wanted. That price included admission, garage and fan zone access.

I mounted one of the new escalators to the mezzanine level of the grandstands and walked out into the stands for the first time. It's a pretty cool feeling you get when you are finally standing there, in person, for the first time. It was about 11am and the race would start at 2:40 pm. Just below me was a line of Porsches, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Audi R8s, Corvettes and BMWs. For a price you could take a ride along "hot" lap around the track. The infield was packed with race teams, vendors, campers (high end busses to pup tents), car corrals and carnival midway. It was obvious that the real action was down there in the infield. There are 101,000 seats in the new Daytona. For the Rolex just a fraction of those would be used but the infield was packed. The question was, how the heck do I get down there?

Getting down there was kind of weird but you actually have to go back out the grandstand gates and walk down to the famous twin tun-

nels that run under turn 4. Once in the infield I worked my way to the garages and fan zone. It's a memorable experience when you can get up close to the cars, drivers and see the crew and support systems that travel with these teams. I'm always impressed with most of the teams and the way they make themselves accessible. In the fan zone all of the drivers take time to sign autographs and exchange words with the fans. The way Daytona is set up the garages make a rectangle and inside of it is a park like area and the drivers are sitting at the "back door" of their respective garage. Autograph seekers patiently wait their turn. I myself am not into the autograph thing but it does allow you to get photos of your favorite drivers. Mine are Patrick Long and Patrick Lindsey. I spoke briefly to Long. I asked him if Patrick Dempsey was there and he told me, "No, he's at home working on his marriage". Long's team did place second in the GTD class.

Prior to the race start I scouted a few locations to watch the start. I ended up in the bleachers along the International Horseshoe of the

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infield track. That decision was helped out by the fact that the Porsche Corral was next to it. All PCA members are welcome at the Porsche Corral. The perks are soft drinks and snacks. They have some tables and chairs and a live feed of the race under their tent. Parking was available for about 125 Porsche owners that had reserved a spot and drove their cars to the track.

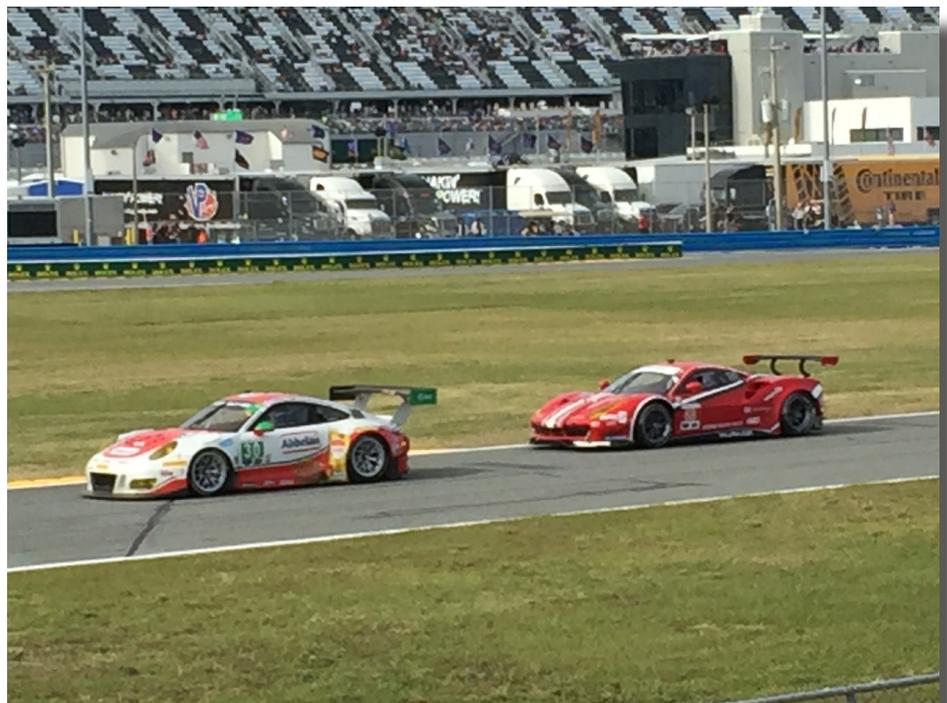
The race started at 2:40. Sitting in the bleachers you could hear the roar of the crowd as the cars took the green flag at the start finish line. About 15 seconds later the Prototypes started around the turn into the infield and into our view. There was a gap in classes and then the second wave came into view with the GTLMs and GTDs. This was it, the sights, the sounds, the environment and world-class racing. I sat there for lap after lap just going “wow”. The skill and fearlessness of the drivers and the power of the cars was a sight to behold. I moved around the facility watching from various locations as I worked my way back to grandstands. It was now nighttime and I sat in the stands watching as they came around turn 4 and flew down the front straight to turn into the infield.

I found my way back across the pedestrian walkway and to my rental car. What a day. Now I have to figure out Part 2 - how and when can I get my Porsche down there for a DE!



Above: Patrick Long - “Can someone lend me a hand with all this stuff?”

Below: Ferrari in its proper position.



Open House and Detailing Session: March 19th

Article by Steve Gehring and Russ Rabeler

Photos by Russ Rabeler

Mmmm, hot Starbucks coffee, Krispy Kreme donuts and a crisp March morning. Add one filthy black 914-6, the continual whirring of a polisher and the rich smell of Zymol. That all adds up to a Detailing 101- or perhaps 102. Trent Abbott, the owner of Veloce Brothers, welcomed about 25 GPR members and guests at his shop in downtown Papillion. He talked briefly about his detailing business in a space shared by In the Garage and Denny Strauss Photography and then turned it over to his two experts, Sid and Joe Ridgebear. The 914 brought in for detailing literally had 30 years of accumulated dirt and dust all over it. Sid used the boot, taped in half, for a before and after show and tell. After two guys who absolutely love their craft finished the left side, it sparkled like a mirror, reflecting the Lamborghini sign on the wall like a photograph. Three careful scrubblings of the right front seat using a diluted degreaser brought it back to near show room condition. Their constant banter and willingness to answer all questions made for an instructional and enjoyable experience.

You owe it to yourself to check out Veloce Brothers, either for a superb detailing job, the purchase of most all the products listed in the Griot catalog, or just to chat and hang out. While you're there, ask Trent about the red TR 1 project and the rural Nebraska drug runner who was a previous owner.



Above: The 914 “patient” ready for treatment.

Below: What Porsche wouldn't feel at home here?



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Quality social and driving events are a direct result of your financial support of GPR PCA.

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Revenue from track events, such as the annual Club Race and Driver Education events can help supply revenue to cover the cost of social events, but are insufficient and unreliable sources to support all of our annual events. Our \$30 dues help offset minor club costs, but as a whole do not cover even one large social event during the year.

We thank Porsche of Omaha and Warren Distribution as corporate sponsors, our 28+ individual sponsors in the past year, and the many volunteers who have allowed the membership as a whole to enjoy themselves with little to no money coming out of their own pockets to attend club social events.

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GPR Board March Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on March 8, 2016, pursuant to telephone conference call.

On the conference call were: Joe Chambers, Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Tom Cooper, Russ Rabeler, Sally Knapp, Steve Gehring and Eric Elliott. Sandy Brusio and Kim Burger were unable to attend.

Social: There was discussion about the detailing event on March 19 at Veloce Brothers. Registration was encouraged for that event. The Spring Fling social on April 30 will be held at the Upstream in the Old Market at 6:00 p.m. with the Club paying for the event. There are 16 reservations for the May 14 Speedway breakfast in Lincoln with 30 desired. The fun run course is being planned. The Perry, Iowa trip in August continues in process with 20 rooms reserved for participants. The President suggested a poker run for charity with a self-hosted dinner. The Board encouraged the President to proceed in planning this event.

Secretary: The minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed.

President: The President reported that Woodhouse Porsche will be doing a \$5,000 sponsorship this year. Woodhouse has also been asked by a customer to provide sponsorship to a hospital charity which wants to auction off parade laps at the Spring Fling. This was approved by the Board.

The President stated that a request for 50th anniversary logos would be sent out to members in late April or early May. The President requested the website officer to look into the possibility of doing online RSVPs with a payment option. There will be an open house at Woodhouse on April 29 for the unveiling of the new 991.2.

Past President: It was reported that the new PCA Chief Steward is expected to

be in touch soon on details on the club race. The Past President had a lengthy discussion with the tire provider for the event. The provider is planning to do an article on tires for Der Skooner. He will also provide detailed tire information and profiles for \$50 per driver for the weekend for the club race/ DE weekend in Hastings.

Treasurer: The opening account balance for January was \$83,558, and the closing balance was \$80,662, and included dues of \$240, advertising income of \$626, PCA rebate of \$791, deposits for the Speedway event \$165, and interest income \$10. Expenses included the Spring Fling \$233, the holiday party \$4,372, newsletter of \$110, and an administrative fee of \$14.

Editor: There were very good reports on the content for the 20 page Der Skooner in March with indications that the April issue may have the same number of pages. The Safety Officer wants to do another reminder on helmet changes in Der Skooner and on the website. In April, there will be an article on the DE 101 plus pictures, an article by the Registrar on his experience at Daytona and also the sponsor thank-yous.

Membership: Currently there are 250 national members in the GPR with no new members. At this point, 88 GPR members have renewed.

Registrar: Registration for the Spring Fling DE will commence March 19.

Safety/CDI: There were 8-10 first-timers at the DE 101 held February 20, with a total of approximately 30 people in attendance. All new persons expressed some interest in participating in a DE. There was concern by the Safety Officers as to whether the event was too long, but the Board feedback was that all important items were covered and people seemed interested the whole time. One suggestion for a subsequent

event would be a written instruction sheet and/or a screen walk-through for signing up for an event at ClubRegistration.net. It was also suggested that instructions be placed on the Club website. There are currently 12 reservations for the instructor update out of approximately 18 invitations.

The Safety Officer discussed proposed new driving tour guidelines from the PCA. There apparently have been some recent serious incidents at driving tours and autocrosses which prompted this. Based on the proposals, the Safety Officer believed that the Club could continue to do driving tours, although work will be involved. Board members were encouraged to give the Safety Officer any input or comments so she could pass those along to PCA.

Website: Website officer will look at some other regional club websites for the online RSVP capability. All events are up to date on the website.

Other Business: The Secretary reported that he was in contact with the agency in Los Angeles representing Jerry Seinfeld to see if Jerry would be interested in speaking at the 50th anniversary dinner. If that did not work out, he was going to check with Jay Leno. The Board agreed that fall 2017 was likely the best time to do the event with September 30 and October 21 being good possibilities. The downtown Hilton and Embassy Suites will be checked for availability.

The next meeting will be April 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Gehring
Secretary

Member Rides - A Throw Back



Jim Avilla sent in this month's picture of his two boys in May of 2006 at RPM (formerly known as MAM). At the time of the picture Jack Avilla (left - standing next to Jon Theobald's 1980 911SC) was six and Nick Avilla (right - standing next to Jim Avilla's 1978 911SC) was four. (Let's hope we won't need sweatshirts at this year's Spring Fling! - Editor)

Do you have a good picture of your Porsche(s)? Email a JPG file to Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.

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