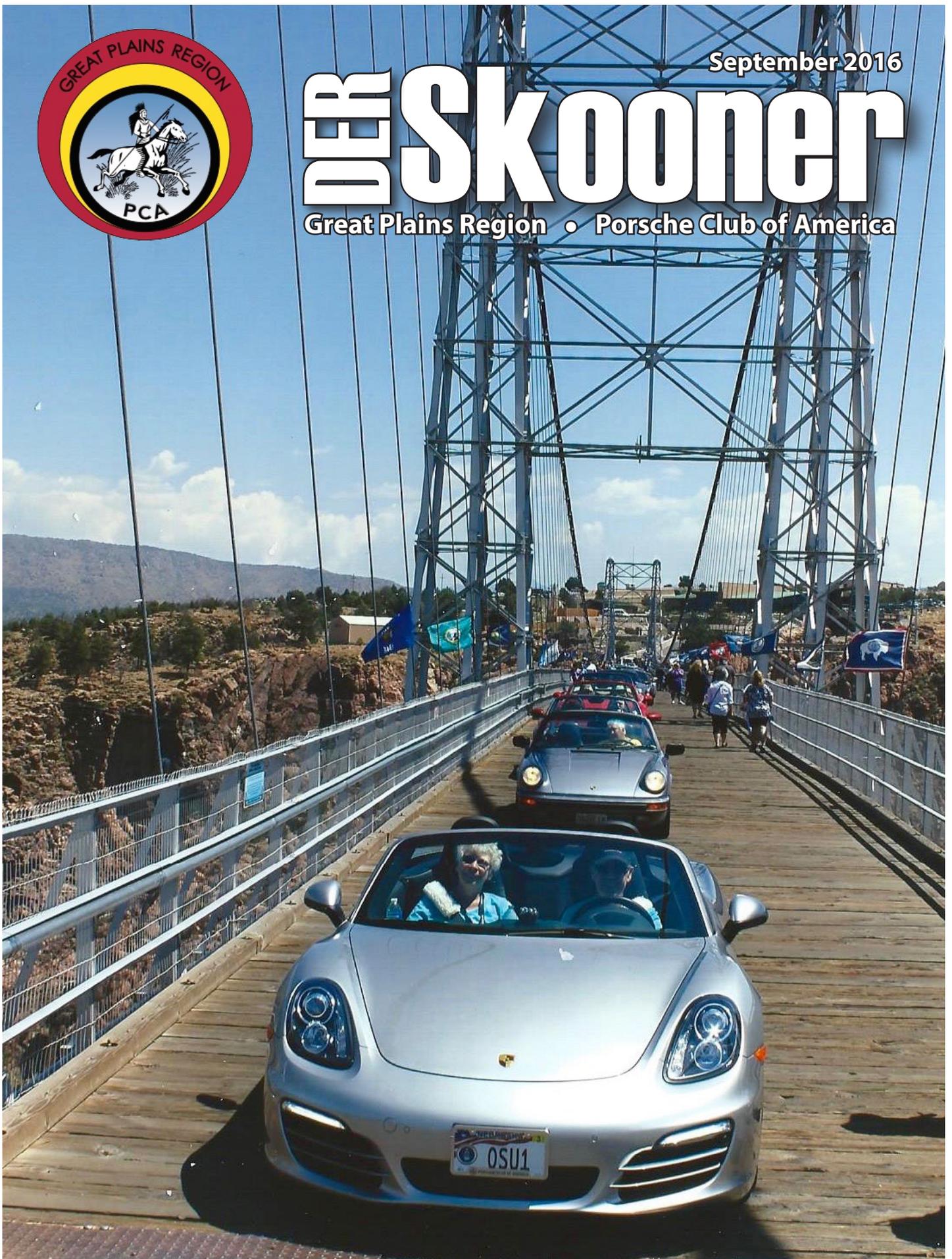




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THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Kurt Halvorson

September is upon us and that means fall, football and social events! Sunday, September 25th brings a special wine tasting event from 3pm-5pm at the Omaha Wine Company. Steve Gehring has made arrangements with the owner to host us. He has more information on page 5. One of our advertising sponsors, Star Class Motors, is presenting a European car show on the morning of the 25th. Plan to enjoy some fine Euro automobiles from 11am to 3pm and then come join us for the wine tasting – a great fall afternoon. Details can be found in Der Skooner, on our website and on the calendar.

This past month 10 GPR members and guests made the road trip to Perry, Iowa for a fun run and overnight. Kim Burger planned the driving route, and it not only contained great Porsche driving roads, but scenery that I had never experienced in Iowa before. Kim and Ann Burger, Jeff and Linda Sena, John Rebrovic and Linda Burt, Walt Wood and Glo McDaniel, and Melinda and myself all spent the night at the Hotel Pattee. Larry and Kayleen Ziman joined us for the drive over to see the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa, before heading back home for other weekend obligations. The hotel is a completely remodeled historic hotel with

themed guest rooms. The 5 couples took a “room” tour to see the different themes each had reserved. Our room, for instance, was the Marching Band room, which exhibited a variety of instruments welded together for the headboard, flutes and drum heads for lamps, myriad marching band pictures adorned the walls, and a marching band mural completed the theme. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the dining room of the hotel, with Adam Littman from Des Moines’ Schonesland region joining us as well.

The Rocky Mountain High Way event took place in Colorado Springs the last weekend of July, and Jeff and Linda Sena have a full report on their adventure in this issue.

We are still in need of 3 volunteers to deal cards at our 3 stops for our scheduled Poker Run in October. Please let me or Kim Burger know if you are interested in volunteering. Lastly, we are working on a slate of nominees for open board positions for next year. We are in need of a Social Chair nominee as Kim Burger is stepping down after serving us for two years. Please contact me at kdhalvorson@cox.net or 402-203-2331 if you are interested in being considered.

-Kurt

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Membership News

By Sandy Bruso
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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Up to Date?

Is your membership information on the PCA website current? Have you sold or bought a Porsche? No longer have your home phone number? New email? Log in to pca.org to update all of your information in order to continue to receive event emails and Der Skooner.



Welcome to our new PCA member:

Michael Reynolds

Please welcome our new GPR member:

Paul Vana

Make them feel welcome the next time you see them at an event.

Congratulations

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10 Years

Rod Feelhaver

15 Years

Bob Diers



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Name badges will be ordered once a month on the last day of each month. If you would like to order one, please contact Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.



Your Name

On the Front Cover

GPR members Jeff & Linda Sena on the Royal Gorge Bridge while attending the Rocky Mountain Highway event in Colorado Springs. Photo by Rocky Mountain Highway event photographer. Read about it on Page 15.

Would you like to see your Porsche on the front cover of Der Skooner? Email your photo to Melinda for consideration at gprnewsletter@gmail.com. Portrait orientation, please.

Also, did you take a trip this summer with your Porsche? We want to read about it! Send your story and pictures to Melinda. The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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An Afternoon of Fine Finite Wines at the Omaha Wine Company

By Steve Gehring, Secretary



On **Sunday, September 25th from 3 to 5:00 pm**, Omaha Wine Company Owner John Draney will lead us through seven wines unavailable anywhere else in the area, each with a production of less than 100 cases.

We'll start with three cocktail whites from the Albariño and Verdelho grapes and finish with a unique Rose of Petite Syrah. The reds will be a delicious combination of Varozza Zin, Anderson's Conn Valley Merlot, Pine and Brown's Rutherford Cab finishing with a Luscher-Ballard Cab from Spring Mountain.

You don't want to miss this opportunity. It can't be repeated! Only \$30 per person including catered delectables.

You must pre-pay for this event by Saturday, September 24th.

Please go to our GPR website: gprca.com and click on the button that says "RSVP and Pre-Pay for an Afternoon of Fine Finite Wines Event". Cheers!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

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| 7 th -11 th | Porsche Club of America Treffen Lake Tahoe - Olympic Valley, CA | | |
| 10 th | Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I Please RSVP to Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com by Wednesday, September 7 th . | 3605 N. 147 th St., Omaha | 8:00 am |
| 11 th | All-European Show & Shine* See Page 9. | Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha | 12-3:00 pm |
| 25 th | 2016 Octoberfest/European Car Show presented by Star Class Motors* Caddy's Riverside Grille, 2 Harrah's Blvd, Council Bluffs | | 11:00 am |
| 25 th | Wine Tasting See Page 5 for more information. You must Pre-Pay and RSVP at gprpca.com . | Omaha Wine Company | 3-5:00 pm |

October

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| 8 th | Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I | 3605 N. 147 th St., Omaha | 8:00 am |
| 8 th -9 th | Fall Finale DE Register NOW! | RPM - Pacific Junction, IA | |
| 16 th | Poker Run, Food Drive for the Food Bank of the Heartland, and Dinner See Page 11 and watch for more information to come. | | 4-6:00 pm |

November

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| 5 th | GPR New Member Dinner See Page 13 for information. This event will be provided by the Club and is for ALL CURRENT GPR members. | Oak Hills Country Club | 6:00-8:30 pm |
| 12 th | Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I | 3605 N. 147 th St., Omaha | 8:00 am |

December

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| 10 th | Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I | 3605 N. 147 th St., Omaha | 8:00 am |
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Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: gprpca.com.
This is YOUR Club - be a part of it!



Important Events in 2017 for Your Calendar:

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| Great Plains Region Annual Winter Party | Saturday, January 21, 2017 |
| Great Plains Region 50 th Anniversary Celebration | Saturday, October 21, 2017 |

* Not a GPR/PCA sponsored event

A New View on Efficiency

By Jason Bien, Globally Certified Service Advisor, Porsche Omaha

Ever increasing demand for cleaner, more fuel efficient cars has paved the way for new and innovative technologies. Unfortunately, at this time, technology is moving at a snail's pace. Vehicle efficiency is typically only fueled by two things; government regulation and energy costs. With energy costs low right now, many auto manufacturers are still struggling to find the proactive initiative to start preparing for the newer and tighter CAFE regulations that roll out in 2025. With a combined fuel economy requirement of 54.5 mpg, automakers will finally be forced to think outside the box for efficiency. The question is, who will arrive to this party with the best dress? My money is on Porsche.

With hybrid technology still in its infancy, new game-changing ideas will be required to supplement this upcoming benchmark. If the government truly wants to change the game they will need to require more than just a mere 11.04mi city and 10.26mi highway on EPA's FTP-75 test; a test which ultimately provides the final numbers for the window sticker in your new car. These low mileage tests allow manufacturers to put just enough of a battery in a plug-in hybrid to get through most of this test on electric power, thus giving each of them a stellar report card, that in no way reflects real world driving. After all, if you set the bar high but provide a step stool to use, what's the point of raising the bar in the first place?

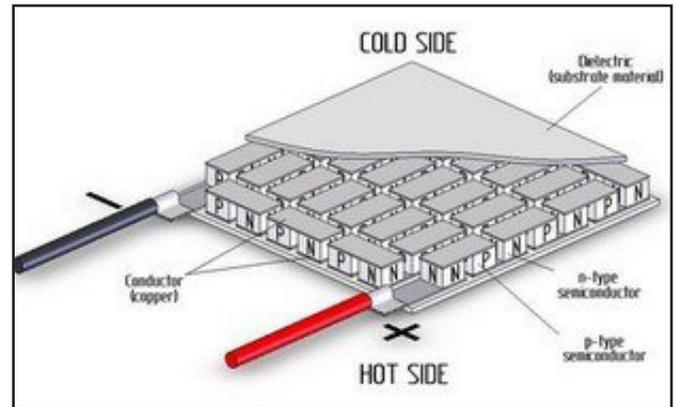
So what's the answer? Gas, Ethanol, Diesel, Electric, Hydrogen, or Compressed Gas? There is no right an-

swer. There are significant drawbacks and advantages to all. The key to efficiency has more to do with vehicle design than the type of propulsion it uses. Efficiencies like weight savings, aerodynamics, start/stop, coasting, and regenerative braking are just small pieces to a much larger puzzle. Mayer's Law of Conservation of Energy clearly illustrates that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, it simply transfers from one form to another. Using this law, adding a bigger battery to go an extra 10 miles doesn't fix the problem. After all, you're adding weight and cost to an already heavy and sluggish design. Not to mention the added carbon footprint of manufacturing that bigger battery and the coal needed to charge that bigger battery. It's time to start adding NEW pieces to complete the puzzle.

Energy recovery is relatively simple when slowing a vehicle down or using its potential energy with the assistance of gravity, coasting down a hill for instance. But what if we could capture energy while driving and not impede its rate of travel in the form of aerodynamic, frictional, or mechanical drag. Here are two simple design ideas that few in the automotive realm have considered for energy recuperation.

TEG (Thermoelectric Generator)

This simple solid-state device cap-



tures electricity from the transfer of heat. These units are at their most efficient when the temperature differential between either side of the TEG is greatest. For example, set this unit on a warm stove-top then place a glass of water on top of the TEG unit, electricity will flow freely through the device and on to power whatever needed. Luck for us, all internal combustion engine do one thing VERY well. Generate heat, lots of heat. Imagine replacing your power-robbing alternator with a large TEG unit on the exhaust system. The more heat, the more power. Low cost, no moving parts, and NO resistance on the powertrain.

Piezoelectricity

This phenomenon is created when a crystalline structure is either stretched or compressed. Most of you have been around this technology your entire life and never really known it. More notably, the red igniter button on a gas grill. That simple device houses a small crystal wrapped in a conductor, once the red button is depressed, a spring-loaded mechanism inside strikes the crystal...compressing it ever so slightly, thus causing a quick and brief high voltage current to

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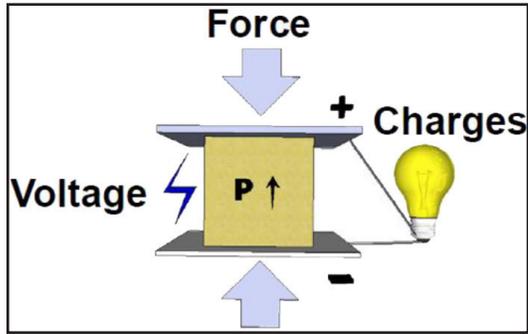
(A New View on Efficiency, continued from Page 8)

travel down the wire and create a spark. As technology has progressed, these piezoelectric generators have taken many forms.

Once being in the shape of a small mat, flexible yet sturdy. Every time the mat is flexed, it creates power. Imagine a vehicle with this technology integrated into the suspension system or the tires. Again, low cost, no moving parts, and NO resistance on the movement of the vehicle.

Other innovative ideas like solar glass/body panels and turbine energy generation for use in existing

ducts for brake cooling or air intake could be viable as well, given the costs reach feasible levels. Any-



where you look, there are opportunities for conserving and capturing energy. It's just a matter of having the right application. The racing

world has begun capturing energy from the mechanical rotation of the turbocharger shaft, benefits of this are dual purpose; energy recovery and power delivery (spooling the turbo to eliminate lag). I encourage all reading this to dream big and think of the next big idea. Who knows, maybe the boys and girls in Weissach might like your idea!

Dream Big.

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All-European Show and Shine - September 11th, Noon to 3

See fine European cars and motorcycles on display. Imagine models of Jaguar, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, Ducati, BMW, Ferrari, Pantera, Alfa Romeo, Austin Healey and others surrounded by the beauty of the garden.

Guests may walk the 100 acres of gardens or they may take a narrated tram tour for \$3 per person, which includes a stop at Kenefick Park. The café will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch and snacks.

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Admission to the expo is free with paid garden admission - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. Garden members and children under age 6 are admitted free of charge.

If you have a fine old or new Euro-

pean car or bike and you would like to exhibit it contact Jennifer at: j.evans@omahabotanical-gardens.org.

Attention car show exhibitors: Cars being exhibited at the show will enter the Lauritzen Gardens property at the back gate, located one block east of 6th and Cedar streets (at 5th and Cedar streets).

(This event is not sponsored by the Great Plains Region.)

GPR Classifieds

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Send your ad to Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.



Join Us on October 16th for a **GPR Poker Run,** **Charity Food Drive and Dinner!**

Have you ever participated in a Poker Run? Have you ever wanted to? Well, we're going to stage our first one in many years. While there are different ways to do one, here's the quick overview of how we're planning ours:

We will meet at a starting point at 4:00 pm, to be determined by our route designers, Kim Burger and Steve Gehring. At the starting point, you will be dealt one card. As we progress through the fun run, you will pick up 1 additional card at each of 3 stops. Upon reaching our dinner destination, you will receive your 5th and final card for your poker hand.

The highest hand will win; **prizes will be awarded to 3 places.** Ties will be broken by any hand holding the highest spade; if that doesn't do it, then hearts, diamonds, clubs in that order. For clarity, if two people have ace high straights, the winner would be one holding ace spades, then king spades, etc, etc.

We are in need of 3 volunteers to staff each of our 3 stops along the fun run to hand out cards to each of the participating hands. Please email kmburger37@icloud.com if you are willing to be one of our card dealers! If you are a professional or amateur poker player, we will appoint you as our official scorer as well.

To make this event even better, we are holding a FOOD DRIVE to benefit the Food Bank for the Heartland. When you arrive for the Poker Run, please bring items from the list below, or bring a check, made payable to the Food Bank for the Heartland. Let's help others in our community!

Most Needed Food Items:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Peanut Butter | Canned Fruit and Vegetables |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Pork and Beans |
| Canned Tuna and Chicken | Pasta and Sauce |
| Cereal | Boxed Meals |
| Pancake Mix | Monetary Donations |



The fun starts at 4:00 pm on Sunday, October 16th with the Poker Run. We'll have dinner at our last stop and determine who the winners are. Put this event on your calendars and watch for location specifics in the next issue of Der Skooner and emails sent by the Club. You won't want to miss this event!

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*Please Join Us for the
Annual GPR New Member Dinner
on
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at
Oak Hills Country Club
12325 Golfing Green Drive, Omaha*

We will be holding a Club dinner welcoming all new 2016 GPR members on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Oak Hills Country Club. This will give you an opportunity to meet your fellow new members and welcome them to a great organization. ALL current GPR members and a guest are invited to attend. The event will begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour (cash bar) followed by dinner starting at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be provided by the Great Plains Region. Please watch for more information regarding the dinner menu.

You **MUST** be a current GPR member to attend. Please email Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com by Friday, October 28th to RSVP for this event. We ask that you honor your RSVP commitment. **No jeans, please.**

Trying to Tame the Tail

By David Nelson, Photo by tailofthedragon.com

My son, Andrew, had owned a 2003 Boxster S for several years, but due to growing children he sold it for the need of two family vehicles. But, the lure of Stuttgart still smoldered in his veins. Recently another need of growing children struck and a new house ensued. One of the features he and his wife wanted was a three car garage, as well as bigger bedrooms for the kids. The problem that arose was that there was now an empty spot in the garage! What to do? What to do? How about a 2007 Cayman S? So began our adventure. Said Cayman was found in Charlotte, NC. Color was right, age was right, mileage was right, and price was right. (Apologies to Bob Barker/Drew Carey.) Off to Charlotte on United. Even with computers running correctly we landed two hours late. Luckily, we were met by someone from the dealership and they drove us straight there. After we took it for a test drive, as good of a visual inspection as we could do and the obligatory negotiations, we drove off with almost 300 hp of a 3.4L flat six humming behind our backs.

While planning the return trip, I noticed something. With a slight detour we could cross something off our bucket lists. We had both talked about someday driving US 129 between NC and TN. The unofficial name of this stretch of highway is The Tail of the Dragon. Some people do it on bikes, others in sports cars. What better way to enjoy the agility of the Cayman than to run it on this bad boy. So, from Charlotte we drove to a town about an hour east of the Dragon, Cherokee, NC. After stuffing ourselves at the local



Andrew Nelson's '07 Cayman S

Waffle House, we got some needed rest in anticipation of our morning run.

The morning could not have been better! Light puffy clouds, no rain predicted and the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains greeted us. The mountains lived up to their name with some of the clouds so low that they gave the impression of smoke they are so well known for. About an hour later we arrived at the beginning of the road in Deals Gap, NC. Stopping for fuel and maps and pit stops gave us a chance to see the real beauty of this old growth forest and mountain terrain. After that, it was on the trail.

They advertise that there are 318 turns in 11 miles. I believe it! One positive is that both NC and TN have banned large truck traffic on US 129. I cannot imagine an 18 wheeler on its narrow lanes. The road follows an old established route through a natural gap in the moun-

tains and surrounding Cherokee National Forest. Some of the turns have little or no camber, making it dangerous to take at a high rate of speed. But, in some areas you can open it up to some degree. There are no crossroads coming onto the road, so there is no worry about cross traffic. All you have to worry about is someone ahead of you getting off line, or going too slow, or the occasional deer, bear, or other critter crossing the road. There are pull offs every few miles that allow slower traffic to pull over, take a break to look at the fabulous scenery, or in our case, changing drivers.

Andrew drove the first half of the route and then we stopped at a pull off to switch drivers. At the turn off on the other side of the road were several grizzled and experienced Harley riders. As I exited the passenger side and headed to drive, one of the grey bearded (not unlike myself, just longer) spoke out and said,

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Rocky Mountain High Way

Article provided by the Alpine Mountain Region, Photos by Jeff & Linda Sena

(GPR members Jeff & Linda Sena attended this event this summer. They had a great time and said they would definitely go again. Let's get more GPR members to attend next year! ~ Editor)

July 27-30 in Colorado Springs saw an inaugural event that was a highlight of the summer. The Alpine Mountain Region hosted Rocky Mountain High Way, a multi-day laid back event in the mountains of Colorado.



It was much like PCA Escape used to be, with a central host hotel, and daily non-competitive activities reaching out from there. The main focus of the event were the tours. Full Day tours to the ski town of Breckenridge, beautiful Royal Gorge, Great Sand Dunes National Park, and the ghost town of St. Elmo were the big ones. There were also half-day guided tours to Pikes Peak (focused on the famous race there), the gold rush town of Cripple Creek, and Bishop Castle, which was built single-handedly by one man (who we got to meet!). Driving directions were also provided to another twelve destinations that at-

tendees could visit at their leisure.

We were welcomed on the first night with

a social event at the local Porsche dealership, which was a lot of fun, with great food, drink, and company, not to mention some pretty special cars. The official welcome reception was held the next night, in the pool area of the hotel. As we gathered for dinner a quick hail storm roared through, sounding like Armageddon on the glass roof of the pool area. We scurried outside to cover and care for our Porsches, and escaped any major damage.

We had a great Wash & Shine the next night, with live music, free beer (!), and lots of great dining options nearby.

One of the other unique activities as a Gimmickhana. Kind of like a gimmicky gymkhana, testing the team driving skills of the



participants. It was lots of fun, with laughs galore, and some great memories.

The tours were terrific, with amazing mountain roads, and cool things to see. Plus, it was cool, literally, when we got to places like the summit of Pikes Peak, at 14,115 feet! A welcome respite from the hot summer everywhere else.



Next year's Rocky Mountain High Way is already in the planning stages, so keep it in mind when thinking about what you'd like to do in 2017. Further details will be published on rockymtnhwy.com, and will be sent out to newsletter editors across the country.

Porsches and Pancakes - August 13th

Photos by Melinda Halvorson



Fourteen Porsche friends enjoyed breakfast together at our recent Porsches & Pancakes. Please join us for our next Porsches & Pancakes on Saturday, September 10th at 8 am. We meet at The Egg & I, 3605 N. 147th & Maple in the private room. As always, kindly RSVP to Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com by Wednesday, September 7th.



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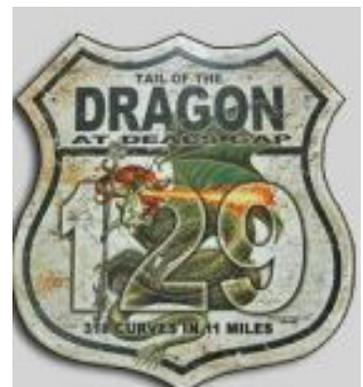
“Looks like Dad’s going to show him how to do it.” We both chuckled as we drove off. Curve upon curve kept coming at me as I drove. Some were easy; others had to be approached cautiously as they were quite blind. I probably used more brake than Andrew. He did a lot of throttle braking, and I prefer using the brakes more often. Most of the apexes were obvious, but there were a few flat camber turns that were hard to negotiate without feeling you might lose it.

While our driving styles are different, we each thoroughly enjoyed our legs of the run. Is it the greatest run in America? Some say yes, but I’ve been on some really curvy stuff in the Ozarks. Did I enjoy it? Absolutely, especially in the really well balanced Cayman S. Did my son enjoy it? I think the grin on his face told it all. As we pulled into Maryville, TN, the end of the route we both sensed that we had done something special. Yes, we crossed one thing off the bucket list, but, even better, we did to together. About 16 hours later we got to Omaha, switching drivers as each got tired. What a great trip! If you want to know more about “The Tail” and other great roads to run in the area, you can go to: <http://tailofthedragon.com>.

GPR DE REGISTRATION AND REFUND POLICY

Effective 6/6/2016 the Great Plains Region established the following DE registration and refund policy:

- The Club will require payment in full on ClubRegistration.net/ PayPal, or a \$75 deposit by check made payable to the GPR/PCA, sent to the Registrar or Treasurer in order to be registered for DE events.
- Cancellations 48 hours or more prior to the DE will be refunded \$50 of the \$75 deposit, or all but \$25 of your payment in full. The \$25 retained by the Club will cover our costs of ClubRegistration.net/ PayPal and processing.
- Cancellations less than 48 hours prior to the DE will forfeit the \$75 deposit, or \$75 of your payment in full.
- Drivers who choose to pay any portion of their DE registration fees on the day of the event will be charged an additional \$25 to the advertised track fee for that event.



Fun Run and Overnight at Hotel Pattee - August 13th-14th

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L to R: Ann & Kim Burger, Larry & Kayleen Ziman, Kurt Halvorson, Linda Burt & John Rebrovic, Linda & Jeff Sena, Glo McDaniel & Walt Wood



Most of you missed our fun adventure to Perry, Iowa to spend the night at the beautiful Hotel Pattee. After a spirited drive with a stop in Elk Horn, Iowa to visit the Danish Windmill, we relaxed for a bit then gathered in the bar for a pre-dinner drink. We enjoyed menu dining in the private dining room. The food was delicious. Adam Littman from the Schonesland Region joined us for dinner. Many thanks to Kim Burger, Social Chair, for arranging the fun run and hotel. We all had a great time!



GPR August Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2016, at Oak Hills Country Club. Present were: Joe Chambers, Steve Gehring, Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Sally Knapp and Russ Rabeler. Kim Burger and Eric Elliott participated via conference call. Sandy Brusco and Tom Cooper were unable to attend. Dave Nelson, who is interested in becoming the next Registrar, attended as a guest.

Social: The overnight trip to Perry, Iowa is set with five members and guests traveling on August 13, 2016. The wine tasting will be Sunday, September 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Omaha Wine Company. Steve Gehring is working on details with the owner. It was determined to require prepayments for the wine tasting. The Poker Run is set for October 16, 2016. Steve Gehring and Kim Burger will collaborate on the route. There was discussion of a new member dinner. It was determined that GPR would pay the cost for dinner and attendance, for both new members and current members, with the maximum number between 50 and 75 attendees. The bar would be a cash bar. Suitable sites are being sought. The holiday party is set for January 21, 2017 at the Club at Indian Creek.

Safety/CDI: The PCA Safety Committee is considering and is likely to bring back A Taste of the Track. Regional clubs could use these events, on a voluntary basis, to help enhance their DE activities. It was discussed that this type of an event would be a good dovetail for the GPR's DE 101. The Safety chair will report on further progress.

There was discussion about the Nord Stern safety rules. The Safety chair will prepare a draft for the Board to consider using the Nord Stern safety rules and interlineating her thoughts and comments.

Registrar: There were 41 cars registered Saturday and 30 cars Sunday for the Summer Fun DE at MPH. Twelve, including one novice, are registered so far for the Dog Days of Summer DE at RPM. It was determined, for the Dog Days, that the track would be closed at 4:20 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. There was discussion about the 2017 schedule.

Secretary: The minutes of the July meeting were ap-

proved as distributed.

President: It was noted that one 50th anniversary logo had been submitted. It was decided to give a \$100 gift card to the winner and have that posted on the website.

Past President: No report.

Treasurer: The opening balance for June was \$94,521. Closing balance was \$95,986. Receipts included dues of \$30, DE revenue \$9,901, parade laps \$50, and interest income of \$11. Expenses included administrative fee of \$1.17, Club Race \$1,130, and DE track expense \$7,397. The Summer Fun DE had total revenue of \$10,191 and expenses of \$9,652, leaving a profit of approximately \$539.

Editor: The Editor reminded all that the deadline for the September publication is August 15. Jason Bien will do a technical article. There will be information on the September wine tasting. The Poker Run will be explained. The editor also reported that the racers' picture presented to the Tessmans from the 2016 Club Race will appear in the August or September PCA Panorama magazine.

Membership: There are 249 national members, with one new, and three new GPR members for a total 124.

Webmaster: It was determined to use Google Forms for the online RSVP and continue to use Stripe for financial payments. The Webmaster will have a Dog Days DE reminder. The Webmaster also attended a national webinar. There was discussion about how to use PC information to target emails to any number of interest groups.

Other Business: None.

The next meeting will be September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club, unless notified that the meeting will be a call in.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Gehring
Secretary



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