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2011 Holiday/Awards Night

Saturday, January 22

Where: Oak Hills Country Club
120th Street, south of Q in Omaha

When: Saturday, January 22
6:00 p.m. Social hour / cash bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Awards and Rewards

Why: Awards, Rewards, and just plain fun. Relax after the holidays and start the new year with a great night of food, friends, and fun. We will be presenting the Enthusiast of the Year award, the Most Improved Driver award, the Aw Nuts award, and the Dumkopf award.

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP: Steve Wilwerding, steve.wilwerding@gmail.com, or 402-319-8623



Menu:

House Salad topped with a Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Fresh Rolls with piped Butter

Entee Choice of:

Steak Diane

Sliced Tenderloin Medallions with a Tomato Mushroom Demi-glaze

Chicken Jerusalem

Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Artichoke Caper Cream Sauce

Atlantic Salmon

Fresh Salmon Fillet topped with a Lemon Herb Compound Butter

Chef's Choice Starch & Vegetable

Chocolate Lovin' Spoon Cake

Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



My house, which I have now lived in for 5 years, was built in 1905. Owning a hundred-year-old has its challenges – even if it has been kept up (as mine has), there is always work to do. The siding could be replaced, the sunroom needs to be insulated, I could sure use new floors. In fact, I'm fond of telling people that if I was given \$50,000 solely for use on my home, I could come up with ways to spend all of that money within 2 minutes.

Unfortunately, my Porsche occupies a similar place in my financial outlook. Even after having spent over \$10,000 this last year installing a larger engine, I think I could easily spend another \$10,000 – the car could use a race suspension, an even better exhaust, race tires, etc. I guess that's what a hobby is. People ask if driving on a racetracks is expensive, and I answer that I don't know of a hobby that you can't spend a whole lot of money on, from golf, to sailing, to, heck, even bowling. I asked a co-worker what his hobby was, and he said boating – I would say that my "hobby" stacks up pretty well cost-wise

against boating, as I can drive my car for an hour and not spend \$100 on gas. I also realized that I don't have to tow my car somewhere to enjoy it, though a few years down the road, that may not be true. I guess the only comfort is that (for the moment) I only have one expensive hobby – as they say, it's OK when hobbies occasionally get in the way of work, but when they get in the way of other hobbies, you're sunk.

As for my Porsche hobby, it is shaping up to be another great year with the Porsche Club. Our first event in a few weeks is the Holiday Party, one annual event that you don't want to miss. A few weeks later, we will be having a dinner at Bella Vita in Elkhorn – this is becoming an annual event, and everyone who comes always enjoys the food and atmosphere. What's more, it's just a few days before Valentine's Day, so be sure to bring your special someone for a great night with the GPR.

We've already got most of our track days laid down for the year. Our first will be in early May at MAM, then the Club

Race in Hastings the weekend after Memorial Day, then mid-August back at MAM, and maybe another event at MAM in early October. If you're available for Club Race, we would love to have you volunteer – I don't know of another volunteer event where you'll have as much fun or hang out with cooler people than at our Club Race. We're planning to have another big party on the Saturday of Club Race, so mark your calendars now.

We are working to fill up the rest of the calendar, and as always, member's suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. In fact, if you have any feedback about any aspect of the Club, I welcome your comments. Hopefully when you read my next column, the weather will have improved, and we can start to get our cars out from winter hibernation and see each other on the road. You'll know which one is my car – it's likely to have a new race suspension and throatier exhaust, and, if there's still money in the budget, race tires.



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2011 GPR Events

Holiday Party	January 22
Dinner at Bella Vita.....	February 12
D&K Breakfast	February 26
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex	April 30
Carrera GT Club Race at Motorsports Park Hastings.....	June 3-5
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex	August 13-14
Woodhouse Track Event at Motorsports Park Hastings	September 9-11

D&K Gretna Cafe Breakfast

GPR will meet again for breakfast at D&K Gretna Cafe on February 26 at 8:30 a.m.

The cafe is located at 104 Glenmore Drive in Gretna. We will order off the menu.

Please note that D&K Gretna Cafe is a cash-only establishment, so please come prepared.

We hope you'll be able to join us!



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The following club members have volunteered to serve on the board of directors of the Great Plains Region of the Porsche Club of America in 2011. The board was elected unanimously by the club members during voting in November 2010. Please contact any board member to make suggestions for club events.

President: Steve Wilwerding
Membership: Tom Cooper
Treasurer: Steve Gallagher

Safety: JR Sanders
Newsletter: Steve Eckhart
Secretary: Abe Schlott

Social: Ardey Clark

GPR Board and Minutes

Great Plains Region Porsche Club

Minutes of the December 7, 2010 Board Meeting

Attending were board members Jon Theobald, Jim Avilla, Steve Wilwerding, Tom Cooper, Steve Gallagher, and Abe Schlott. Also present were Eric Elliott and Past President John Krecek.

Social: January 22 is the date for the holiday party. Ardey Clarke will be working on new activities.

Secretary: John Krecek took minutes at the November meeting. They were approved and will appear in the January newsletter.

President: Discussed DE Schedule. 1 day @ MAM 5/7. Club Race @ MPH June 3, 4, 5. DE @ MAM August 13-14, Woodhouse 9/9-10-11 @ MPH, tentative 1 day 10/9 @ MAM. Jon's last meeting as president. Big thanks to Jon Theobald for his year of service

Registrar: Club race is on the schedule for next year and should be in Panorama in December.

Treasurer: Jim Avilla reviewed financials. This is Jim's last meeting as Treasurer, with Steve Gallagher taking over for 2011. Thanks Jim!

Club Race Chair: No Report

Membership: 1 new member this month.


Safety: Not present

Newsletter: Not present

Website: Up to date.

Past President and Chief Driving Instructor: No Report.

Respectfully submitted by Abe Schlott



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Minutes from the Great Plains Region PCA January 4,2011 Meeting

Members present: Jim Avilla, Tom Cooper, JR Sanders, Jon Theobald, Steve Eckhart, Eric Elliott, Steve Gallagher, John Krecek, and Steve Wilwerding.

President: Everything looks good for the Holiday Party. The Board voted and unanimously approved changing our charity to Patty's Pantry.

Social: The Holiday Party is January 22, we will also be having a dinner on February 12 at Bella Vita in Elkhorn, and a breakfast on February 26 at D&Ks in Gretna. Ardey will work on events in March and beyond.

Secretary: Minutes from the December meeting were approved. Discussion was held about putting together a membership survey.

Registrar: Fees for track events were set. May 7 is not available for a one-day DE, so Tom is investigating April 30.

Club Race Chair/Chief Driving Instructor: John has put together a letter that he will send to DE instructors.

Treasurer: Jim Avilla gave the final 2010 report.

Membership: One new member in December.

Safety: JR will review DE guidelines to see if some changes are appropriate this year.

Newsletter: Steve is working on the January newsletter, and will have letters out to advertisers soon to renew for 2011.

Website: Everything is up to date.

Past President: Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8 – location is yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Wilwerding.

Please note that there will be no Der Skooner in February.



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