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2011 Holiday/Awards Night



GPR members enjoyed good food, interesting conversation, and new and old friendships despite the weather.

The evening certainly turned out much different than any of us expected.

On January 22, the Great Plains Region held our annual Holiday Awards Banquet at the Oak Hills Country Club. Getting to the banquet turned into quite the adventure as we had six inches of snow through the day and the evening. However, the stalwarts of the GPR turned out en masse with 59 of the 63 registered attendees making it to the banquet.

As we walked into the country club, we were surprised by the smell of barbecue, since we didn't have barbecue on the menu.

Actually, the club had had a fire the evening before. The staff had purchased all the food they needed to prepare our meals that day. They did a wonderful job relocating our banquet to the downstairs of the club. The food was delicious.

Following a great dinner, outgoing president Jon Theobald presented the 2010 awards.

Abe Schlott won the coveted Dumkopf Award for his unusual brake job on his 911.

Sally Knapp took home the Aw Nuts Award after she went into a wall during a club race.

Russ Rabeler and Terry

Whitney shared the Most Improved Driver award.

Steve, Stacy, and Ruth Eckhart and Jordan Roche won the Family of the Year Award.

Finally, LaVonne Misner took home the coveted Enthusiast of the Year award.

In addition, Theobald presented PCA windbreakers to the members of last year's board imprinted with the position each member had filled.

Finally, Steve Wilwerding presented this year's incoming board.

A great time was had by all. We hope to see you at next year's banquet.

Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



Despite a fire at the venue the night before, despite 6 inches of snow throughout the meal, and despite very cold temperatures, the GPR's 2011 Holiday Party went remarkably well. We lost a few people because of the weather, but the folks who did brave the elements had a great meal, a chance to win some great prizes, and a wonderful time. We gave out some well-deserved awards that are chronicled in this newsletter, and the folks who got the "joke" awards took it well. To those of you who came to the dinner, I want to extend a personal thanks for making the event another great success.

Our dinner at Bella Vita a few weeks ago was also a great success, and a good time was had by all. This is turning into an annual GPR event, and for those of you who haven't come to one yet, make sure to come next year. It is a wonderful venue with great food and there are always lots of great GPR friends there to chat with. I had a great time talking with longstanding members, and we had a good turnout of new members who thoroughly enjoyed the event. This is really a very nice event on the GPR calendar, and it

would be great to get attendance up next year.

Our new Social Chair, Ardey Clark, presented some great 2011 events at the Board meeting a few weeks ago, so make sure to watch the newsletter and website for upcoming GPR activities. Our calendar is already starting to fill up with track events, the Lauritzen Car Show in September, and Sonic Show 'n' Shines. Ardey has promised plenty more, including rallies, destination events, and even a possible overnight journey, so stay tuned.

Though members understandably think of our social events as the highlights of the year, the fact of the matter is that the Club Race, coming up the first weekend of June, is the biggest event that the Club holds every year. Not only does it require the most planning and time to setup and run, but it is by far the biggest financial risk that the Club takes on every year.

Some of our longstanding members might remember when our Club Races took in tens of thousands of dollars that helped to finance the Club throughout the rest of the year, and helped to pay for some very fancy events and

guest speakers. Unfortunately, those days are long gone. We had to cancel the Club Race a couple years ago because of the depressed economy and a dip in racers, but we were able to bring it back last year. Unfortunately, the best case scenario for the Club Race going forward is to merely break even, and that is only accomplished with the generous sponsorship from some of our members and from Woodhouse.

It has always been my opinion that the primary objective of this Club is to maintain a "going concern", that is, keep the Club financially sound enough to continue indefinitely. The next biggest concern is to hold events that appeal to our membership, in a financially responsible way that keeps the Club afloat. I can tell you that if our goal was that the Club would eventually phase out, we could hold one hell of a going away party, but as it is, the goal is to keep the finances on an even keel.

Unfortunately, as the years go by, the Club Race tends to run afoul of both of these goals of the Club. As the Club Race has gotten more and more expensive and less and less profitable, it appeals to

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Inside Track (cont.)

less and less of our club members. There was a time when we had dozens of Club Racers in the GPR, and it made sense to hold a "home" Club Race for a large portion of our membership. However, now we are getting fewer and fewer of our own racers at the "home" race. It would still be an acceptable risk if the upside were thousands of dollars of profits, but as we have seen, that is no longer realistic.

The point I am trying to get across is that the ONLY way we can continue to have the Club Race is with sponsorship. Woodhouse has generously agreed to help again this year, but we need more contributions for us to break even. So, I would ask those of you who would be willing to help, and especially those of you who are racers and for whom we are holding this event, to consider making a contribution for this year's Club Race. If we cannot at least break even this year, the future of the Club Race will be very much in jeopardy. Thank you to those of you who have contributed to the Club Race in the past, and thanks in advance for those willing to help this year.

Hope to see all of you soon at an upcoming event.

Dues for the 2011 calendar year are due this month. The dues are only \$20 a year: what a deal! Please complete the form above and mail with your check made out to GPR/PCA to:

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Member Bio: LaVonne Misner

Growing up near Central City, NE I had worked on farm equipment with my father and brother. By an early age I developed a love of fine engines and fast cars. After raising my two children and developing my career as a Purchasing and IT Director (15 years at the same company this year), I was looking for something that was just for me, mine alone you might say.

In looking for a sporty convertible, I test drove multiple makes and models and hadn't really decided what exactly I wanted.

In my search for myself, I found the Lapis stone that drew me. The Lapis stone is a relatively rare semi-precious stone. The meaning of the Lapis stone is a stone of total awareness. It is said to bring self-awareness, self-expression, honesty, and compassion to those who wear it. Lapis is also believed to shelter the wearer from physical danger and psychic attacks. I had been wearing one for about a year.

In May 2010 I was in Kansas City with my niece and her husband on a weekend getaway. On a whim, I decided to buy a Sunday newspaper and peruse the automobile section. I found a dealership that was advertising a sporty convertible and I went to test drive it. I knew immediately that the car I had thought I would drive, was not the car that I would end up with. I saw a Porsche Boxster and the



LaVonne Misner is ready to run her Lapis Blue Boxster in a Driver's Ed event.

window sticker said Lapis Blue. I couldn't wait to test drive it and immediately I knew it was the one that I would end up with.

I came home to think about this purchase and discussed it with someone I respect and trust. I knew that he knew a lot about Porsches and he encouraged me to buy this car. At the time, I had no idea there was a group of other Porsche enthusiasts or that I could race. In discussing these ideas with my trusted advisor, he mentioned that there was a race in Hastings. Two weeks after I purchased my Boxster I went to watch and after driving the parade laps, I knew it was something I wanted to do.

After joining the Great Plains Region Porsche Club in June, I found that there was this great group of people that attended functions and participated in DE's and racing. I attended the FatBurger night, the Hausbarn run, Adventures

in Deutschland, and all Driver Educations including Woodhouse in 2010, as well as all of the group dinners. I would like to thank my driver trainers and everyone who provided encouragement and support. (You know who you are!!) And the great guys at Cars that have been so much help and encouragement.

While at first, my children thought I was crazy and having a mid-life crisis, they fully support my racing endeavors and are very proud of what I have accomplished and the awards I have received. I was surprised and honored to be selected as Enthusiast of the Year and to have my name listed with all of the other honored enthusiasts (see page 10). I have had a blast in getting to know other members and learning how to race and am looking forward to many more years of enjoyment with my Lapis Boxster!

Upcoming Events

2011 GPR Events

Dinner at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland.....	March 25
Road Rally	April 10
Sonic Show 'n' Shine	April 30
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex	May 7
Fun Run to James Arthur Vineyards in Raymond.....	May 14
Carrera GT Club Race at Motorsports Park Hastings.....	June 3-5
Soaring Wings Vineyard Music Under the Stars	June (TBD)
Loess Hills Fun Run	July (TBD)
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex	August 13-14
Lincoln Dinner Ride.....	August (TBD)
Woodhouse Track Event at Motorsports Park Hastings	September 9-11
Lauritzen Gardens Car Show	September (TBD)
Lied Center Brunch in Nebraska City/Indian Cave Fun Run	October (TBD)
Harley Davidson Factory Tour in Kansas City	November (TBD)
Pre-holiday Get Together at Brix	December (TBD)

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Nick Buller

Service Technician

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Nicholas Lynn Buller
2. **How many years/months have you been with Woodhouse?**
Going on two months.
3. **Where were you born?**
Lincoln, NE
4. **What is your nickname?**
I now go by Nick Jr.
5. **What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**
I'm hungry. I need snacks.
6. **What kind of car do you drive?**
1989 BMW 325ic
7. **What is/was your favorite vacation?**
Sieti, Italia
8. **What is one thing most people do not know about you?**
I hate spiders. Scared of snakes, too.
9. **What is your favorite pastime/hobbies?**
Playing the drums
10. **What kind of music do you listen to the most?**
Usually instrumental rock. Although I enjoy listening to just about everything.
11. **What is your favorite movie?**
Any Alfred Hitchcock movie
12. **What is your favorite food?**
Mac & cheese
13. **Tell us something that makes you happy.**
Listening to the band "Explosions in the Sky"
14. **What is your favorite Porsche?**
Panamera Turbo
15. **What color would it be?**
Black
16. **Where would you rather drive your favorite Porsche: race track or scenic road?**
Scenic road



Debbie Armstrong

Receptionist & Boutique Specialist

1. **What is your full legal name?**
Deborah Jo Armstrong
2. **How many years/months have you been with Woodhouse?**
2 years, 6 months
3. **Where were you born?**
Omaha, NE
4. **What is your nickname?**
DJ or Lucy
5. **What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**
Thank you God for allowing me to get out of bed.
6. **What kind of car do you drive?**
Mercury Milan
7. **What is/was your favorite vacation?**
Mexico/Jamaica
8. **What is one thing most people do not know about you?**
I had my own business.
9. **What is your favorite pastime/hobbies?**
Gardening, reading and music
10. **What kind of music do you listen to the most?**
Little of everything, but rap.
11. **What is your favorite movie?**
The Notebook
12. **What is your favorite food?**
Italian
13. **Tell us something that makes you happy.**
Spending time with family and friends
14. **What is your favorite Porsche?**
911 Turbo
15. **What color would it be?**
Ruby red
16. **Where would you rather drive your favorite Porsche: race track or scenic road?**
Scenic



Alex Marshall

Detail Technician

1. **What is your full legal name?**
Alex Dexter Marshall
2. **How many years/months have you been with Woodhouse?**
6 months
3. **Where were you born?**
Fremont, NE
4. **What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**
What time is it?
5. **What kind of car do you drive?**
2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee
6. **What is/was your favorite vacation?**
Pensacola, FL 2008
7. **What is one thing most people do not know about you?**
In the summer I enjoy buying motorcycles to fix up.
8. **What is your favorite pastime/hobbies?**
Wakeboarding
9. **What kind of music do you listen to the most?**
Christian
10. **What is your favorite movie?**
A Knight's Tale
11. **What is your favorite food?**
Caramel brownies
12. **Tell us something that makes you happy.**
Spending time with my family. I have two nieces and one nephew that I spend a lot of time with.
13. **What is your favorite Porsche?**
911 Turbo S
14. **What color would it be?**
Black with cream accented seats
15. **Where would you rather drive your favorite Porsche: race track or scenic road?**
That depends on whether the scenic road had a speed limit or not.



Parade 2011: From Pralines to Porsches

by Cole Scrogg



David Wilks, RaceShotsResource.com

Anyone who has visited Savannah knows the “Old Town” part of downtown, the riverfront area of Savannah, is replete with history. Walking on cobblestone streets and exploring storefronts and small restaurants is a calming vocation to be sure. Actually they are ballast stone streets, as English ships would leave their ballast stones in return for American merchandise, tea and cotton; but that doesn’t sound as quaint, does it? On these streets you can find handmade pralines, the curious local favorite of boiled peanuts (think Japanese edamame) and as many oysters as you care to eat. If you prefer, you can walk a block or so to the park bench made famous by “Forrest Gump,” and recall that life is like a box of chocolates. What is really surprising about Savannah, however, is that this is just the beginning of an exploration that many have spent entire lives embracing.

To be in Savannah is to be in history. Everywhere you turn there is another reminder of this port city’s involvement in the growth of America. One

website, <http://www.savannahga.net/>, literally has hundreds of destinations neatly organized alphabetically for lodging, dining, tours and other activities. Georgia’s first city has much to offer, not the least of which is that it will be shared with thousands of Porsche enthusiasts the first week of August. This is one of those areas that Porsche people will love; the Southern Hospitality that is legendary all over the world, the small and intimate settings where friends can enjoy a casual evening, and the small town feel that can lead you out of the city to country roads in a matter of minutes.

Location, location, location is the focus of Parade 2011. Parade headquarters is the Convention Center which is located on picturesque Hutchinson Island. The view of downtown Savannah across the river is unforgettable. The Convention Center is surrounded by Parade activity sites. The autocross will be held adjacent to headquarters, as for the first time in recent memory sufficient asphalt exists for a good size course within walking distance! But if you still need to get your track fix the local region will hold a Driver’s Education event at nearby Roebling Road Raceway the last weekend of the Parade. With the Concours event held

at downtown’s Forsyth park and the Rally featuring lovely local roads, the main attractions of this year’s Parade are all in the same neighborhood!

When you are ready to relax from the competitive events, feel free to take in a Carriage Ride, Ghost Tour, Fishing Trip, Dolphin Watching Expedition, Casino Boat, Local Beaches and Museums including the Mighty 8th Air Force Museum as well as local sporting events. The list goes on and on. You can try out a cooking class or go on a shrimping cruise, and of course the local towns of Bluffton and Beaufort feature very historic downtown areas as well. Savannah itself has a feel more like a big town than a bustling city, and as with many of the port cities in the South you can find open spaces quickly and easily. Tybee and Hilton Head Island are famous for their white sand beaches and slow pace...you may want to stick around the area for a while after the Victory Banquet concludes!

Be sure to check out the Parade activities at <http://parade2011.pca.org> so that you don’t miss any of the action. Registration begins on March 8th, so bookmark the registration site now and be ready when it opens! You will also be able to view the traditional Parade event

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2011 Parade (cont.)



David Wilks, RaceShotsResource.com

The beautiful city of Savannah, Georgia, is home to the 2011 Porsche Club of America Parade

schedule for the week at the website, and learn about air conditioned Concours prep areas; Parade 101 classes that make sure the first time Parade goers are prepared for the week; Hospitality and Goodie Store hours; and opportunities to volunteer as a Parade worker for some of the featured events that you may not be competing in (a great way to get a front row seat to all the action!). Other events like the popular RC Car races, Ice Cream social, Tech Academy, Art Show and

Driving Tours will complement your week, unless you plan to spend it studying for the very competitive Tech Quiz...you can make your Parade experience in Savannah as action-packed and exciting, or as laid-back and relaxing as you prefer.

Won't you join us for a spectacular Parade, the highlight of our PCA experience this year? Anyone that has attended a Parade can tell you this is not just a normal multi-event weekend, this is the

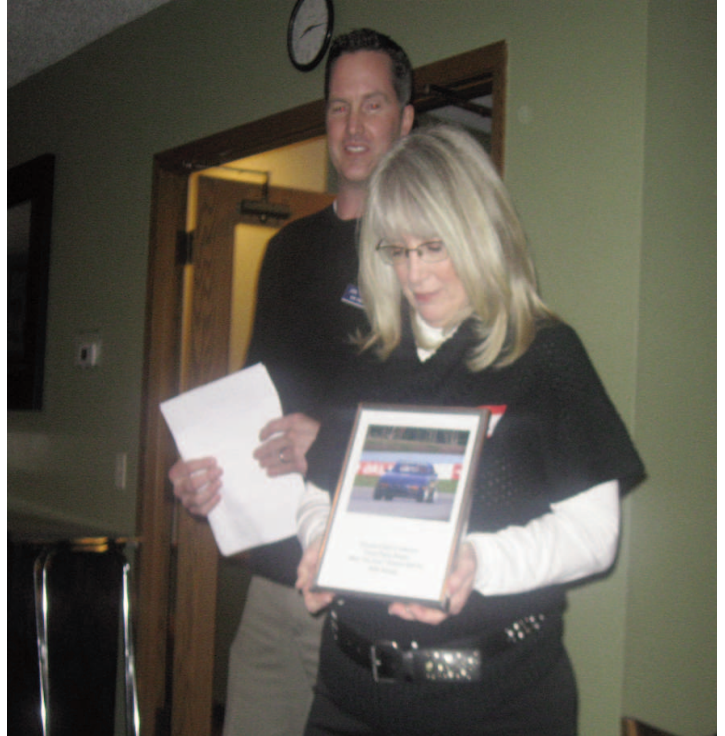
highlight of what PCA has to offer, full of exciting things to do and see with literally thousands of Porsche owners in attendance. Everything has been planned out and is ready for you; all you need to do is bring yourself, your family and your Porsche for a vacation experience that you won't soon forget!

Check <http://parade2011.pca.org> for more information and be ready to register on March 8th...see you there!

Award Winners



Russ Rabeler and Terry Whitney shared the Most Improved Driver award.



Sally Knapp displays her Aw Nuts award.

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More Holiday Party Pictures



Abe Schlott took the "coveted" Dumkopf Award.



Jon Theobald presents the Enthusiast of the Year trophy to LaVonne Misner.

Enthusiasts of the Year Winners

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 1973 COREY BARRETT
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 1975 NINA BARRETT
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 1979 BOB HILDING
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 1996 AL LEE
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Minutes from the 02/08/2011 Meeting of the GPR/PCA

Members present: Steve Wilwerding, John Krecek, Ardey Clark, Eric Elliott, Steve Eckhart, Steve Gallagher, and Tom Cooper.

President: Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Holiday Party – we had a great turnout despite a venue fire and 6” of snow. Discussed Porsche Club litigious issues, and that our Club would not engage with any plaintiffs.

Social: Ardey presented a number of rallies, drives, and other events for the 2011 calendar, and will work on getting a formal calendar worked up soon.

Secretary: Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Registrar: Tom informed the Board that a printer would be available at the Club Race. Hoosier will also be attending the Club Race, with a \$20 discount for tires.

Club Race Chairman: Tom is waiting for PCA approval to open registration. Steve Wilwerding will work with Jon Theobald on fundraising for the Club Race.

Chief Driving Instructor: Novice events on May 7, August 13-14, and October 1. John will work with Woodhouse for novice training at their event.

Membership: There are 229 national members, 181 affiliate members, and 145 GPR members, 64 of which are paid for 2011.

Safety: JR will work on new DE regulations for 2011.

Newsletter: Steve has a bio lined up for the March newsletter.

Website: Eric cleaned up and updated the website for 2011.

Past President: Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted, John Krecek.



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