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## ***So, what is this Parade Concours Thing All About?*** *by Cole Scrogg*



*Some of the best looking cars on the planet at last year's Parade Concours*

That title question really seems to be the most common thing asked by new Parade attendees...what is this Concours thing all about? Well, I guess it might be considered one of those questions where the answer depends on your perspective. If you have an autocross perspective, then the "Q-tippers" are slightly off

their rocker and the display is just a nice way to spend the day before the autocross starts (other than the race cars on display of course!). To the Rally folks, the display is a little more palatable, but if you are going to spend that much time with your car you should at least include a few calculations to correlate the speedometer with

your GPS. I'm not even going to discuss the Tech Quiz only crowd...

The Concours can be as simple or as complicated as you like, from a nice display of Porsches to enjoy on a beautiful summer day to the last details of restoration perfection, and anywhere in between. The Parade Concours is the premier

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# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



As I write this, I am a few hours away from leaving for the annual Zone 10 Presidents Meeting in Missouri. It seems like a great opportunity to meet the other presidents in the region, get an idea of what kind of events they run, find out which of their events our members would like to attend, and compare notes about track days, Club Races, and the like. Unfortunately, over half of the agenda for the weekend is to talk about waivers, liability, and the threat that litigious members pose to the Porsche Club.

It all reminds me of a recent story that I saw on the news about the issues they are having with Japan's nuclear power plant. The headline was, "Can Nuclear Power Plants Be Made 100% Safe?" I thought to myself – what in our world is 100% safe? Mining for the coal that powers most of our plants isn't 100% safe, driving my car isn't 100% safe, heck, waking up in the morning isn't 100% safe. We unfortunately do not

live in a 100% safe world – in other words, the world isn't perfect.

That's why being litigious against a volunteer club doesn't make sense to me. While I can, using my imagination, conjure up some excessively punitive or stupid action that a Porsche Club might take against their membership that would warrant a lawsuit, I cannot reasonably fathom how such a situation would actually occur. The GPR is made up of volunteers who, using their best intentions put on events for the benefit of all of us. Obviously things can go awry, and sometimes feelings get hurt, but again, it's not a perfect world – our events and activities cannot be run with a 100% degree of certainty that everyone will be happy.

Just to add a concrete example of litigation against a Porsche Club, a few years ago a PCA member in the eastern U.S. was unhappy about the run group he was assigned to

during a DE. Seemingly, this was a person who was used to getting his way in all aspects of life, so he decided to sue the Board members of the local chapter, since he took a weekend of his valuable time to attend an event that the Porsche Club had ruined for him. I don't recall how it turned out, but even if it was settled out of court, I'm sure it cost the local club plenty of money in lawyer's fees.

Perhaps it is the Midwestern ethos that makes most of us believe that such a thing couldn't happen in our club, but disbelief in a possible scenario does not make for good planning. So, I will find out this weekend how we can mitigate these issues by requiring members to sign waivers at every "moving wheel" event and how we now have to structure our events to minimize the risk of litigation. It is, to my mind, a sad comment on our culture that we even have to bring these things up.

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## *Inside Track (cont.)*

It probably goes without saying, but the GPR cannot exist with an increasingly litigious membership. We are all volunteers, and I guarantee it wouldn't take many lawsuits (or even threats of litigation) for us to pack up the tent.

I, however, remain optimistic. We have a great group of people, and while we need to plan for the worst, I prefer to believe that those plans will never have to be tested. I ask each of you to keep in mind that the Board and event planners are doing their best, but that the world (and by extension the GPR's activities) are not perfect. While feelings may sometimes get hurt, or egos bruised, we should be able to resolve any issues amicably and continue to hold fun events for the benefit of our members.

## ***RIP: Katrina Phillips***

On March 27, the Great Plains Region of the Porsche Club of America lost a friend and a great contributor.

Katrina Phillips passed away after a long battle with liver disease. Katrina was very active in the Club, serving as both newsletter editor and membership chair. As newsletter editor, Der Skooner won the national newsletter award, and as membership chair, Katrina increased our membership by a record amount.

Katrina loved the Porsche Club and the many GPR friends that she made. She will be greatly missed. Funeral

arrangements are still being finalized, but we will forward those out as soon as those are available.

Please keep John Phillips in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. There will be a memorial service for Katrina Phillips at Heafey, Heafey, and Hoffman (78th and Center) in Omaha on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 am.

In honor of Katrina, we will have a Porsche procession. If you would like to participate, please meet down at Woodhouse at 9:30 with your Porsche and we will drive to the service together.



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# ***Cruise Nights Turn 17*** *by Ken Kusik*

Break out your Porsche and grab your best girl, "Happy Days" are here again as the neon nostalgia event of the summer, Sonic Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nights return for a 17th season.

Like the movie American Graffiti, go back with us to the cool cruising days of cheap gas, going steady, drive-in movies, jukeboxes, and car hops. Thousands of members have come out since 1995, and last year for two nights we had 185 cars! We'll all be hanging out under the glow of neon at America's Drive-in Sonic at South 48th and Highway 2 in Lincoln. Hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. But, like the old days, you can come and go any time. It's a cheap date with half price food for everyone.

We'll be opening the season on Saturday, April 30, with the second event scheduled for August 27. The first night will be an all European marque anniversary celebration. A stray Ferrari and even a Lamborghini have been known to show up. Cruise in and share this unique experience. Getting there is half the fun. Along with Sonic, we have been serving up big fun for 17 years.

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the drive is about 1:11.



# Upcoming Events

## 2011 GPR Events

Road Rally .....	Postponed, date TBD
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
James Arthur Vineyards in Raymond, NE.....	June 11
Loess Hills Fun Run .....	July 10
Soaring Wings Vineyard or Dinner Run .....	July 30
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex .....	August 13-14
Lincoln Dinner Ride.....	August 27
Woodhouse Track Event at Motorsports Park Hastings .....	September 9-11
Lauritzen Gardens Car Show .....	September 18
Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	October 1
Indian Cave Fun Run.....	October (TBD)
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# Parade Concours (cont.)



*Prior to the actual concours, participants spend hours getting their Porsches just right.*

Concours event of the year for PCA; a truly awesome display of over 60 years of Porsche history in America and beyond. The Parade location this year is Savannah, Georgia, a charming destination city that is sure to provide you with your fill of pralines and peanuts once you have had enough of the Concours.

For the first time in the Park's history, an automotive display will be allowed on these grounds, courtesy of the 2011 Parade Concours. Porsche Club of America members will stroll the lawns and gardens festooned with possibly the finest display of Porsches in Parade history. Reds, Blues,

Yellows and Blacks will add to the Green of Forsyth Park, as Porsches in all shapes and sizes converge on the grounds. The Monday event is open to the public and will be buzzing with activity all day long.

Featuring over a hundred cars, the Concours will display competitive vehicles in classes, divisions and groups in four major areas: Preparation, Preservation, Restoration and Performance. The crowd favorite Historic Display should feel right at home in this location as well! And if competition is not your thing, the Corral is another possibility. Several hundred Porsches will be displayed (grouped by

model) in the non-competitive Corral. To join this collection of Porsches, you just need to submit a regular entry to the Parade before registration closes...but if you can't bring your Porsche and want to view the Concours, just bring yourself as this event is open to the public.

The four groups of cars are grouped in roughly the following criteria (memorize this to impress any innocent bystander at Forsyth Park that asks the "What's this Concours thing all about..." question!):

Preparation-This is the group comprised of mostly newer cars, they are being

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# 2011 Parade Concours (cont.)

judged on how well prepared they are (ie-clean). There is not so much emphasis on originality as how completely free of dirt the car is, so watch out for those Q-tips!

**Preservation-**This group is the opposite of Preparation, it is reserved for cars that have been faithfully maintained and kept original over many years, so you will see mostly older Porsches here with decades of careful care and attention. Cleanliness is not so important, but all of the original bits and pieces certainly are!

**Restoration-**This group is made up of cars that have been restored to their original condition. This time consuming process is evaluated by

experienced teams of judges, some of whom actually remember what these cars looked like when they were new! Cleanliness and originality are judged, making this group a difficult proposition for entrants, so thankfully there are cars judged in Touring (top only) and Full (top and bottom of the car is judged).

**Performance-**This group of cars ranges from all out racers to modified street cars, most of them "personalized" to their owner's liking. You will see a lot of variety in this group, which is judged on cleanliness only and feature highly modified and performance oriented Porsches.

I hope that little refresher course on the Parade Competition Rules helps you spot the different groups at the Concours, and make more sense of the myriad of awards and trophies at the banquet. You can also browse the Porsche Corral and Historic Display for cars that are not competing, but certainly add a lot to the display. Feel free to come a day or so early and enjoy the prep area (air-conditioned!) in the convention center and see all the work that goes on behind the scenes of our Day at the Concours!

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From the vineyard's web site ([www.jamesarthurvineyards.com](http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com)): Wine tasting is one of James Arthur Vineyards most popular activities. A typical wine tasting consists of six or four tastings. Wine tasting samples are one ounce per taste and included is a complimentary James Arthur Vineyard wine glass.

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If you can't meet for the cruise, here are directions to the winery.

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If coming from Omaha, take Exit 403 off of I-80 just outside of Lincoln. Go north on 27th street about ½ mile to Arbor Road. At Arbor, take a left (west) and go to 14th Street.

At 14th Street, take a right (north) and go until you get to Raymond Road. Take a left (west) on Raymond Road for 2.5 miles. We are located on the left (south) side of the road.

If you are coming from the west on the interstate, take the NW 48th Street Exit just outside of Lincoln. Go north on NW 48th street (it will curve around some to the east) until you come to Highway 34. At Highway 34 take a left (west) and go to Highway 79, about 2 miles (the sign says to Raymond and Valparaiso). At Highway 79 take a right (north) and go until you hit Raymond Road. At Raymond, take a right (east) and we're 2.5 miles on the right side (south) of the road.



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The GPR/PCA Board met Tuesday, March 1, at Investors Realty. Members present: Ardey Clark, Steve Wilwerding, Steve Eckhart, Eric Elliott, John Krecek, Sally Knapp, Tom Cooper, Steve Gallagher, and JR Sanders.

**President:** Steve covered track events: May 7, August 13-14, and October 1.

**Social:** Ardey covered upcoming events – March 26 will be a dinner run down to Ashland, April 10 for a road rally, April 30 Sonic Show 'N' Shine. Brought up the idea of printing business cards to attract more members.

**Secretary:** The February minutes were approved.

**Registrar:** Registration is open for the May DE – the Club Race will be available soon. Also discussed some logistical details for the Club Race.

**Membership:** 76 paid members this year – the March newsletter will be the last that people receive if they don't pay GPR dues.

**Chief Driving Instructor:** Discussed the possibility of a women's run group at a DE this year.

**Treasurer:** Gave report. Sponsorship for the Club Race is starting to come in.

**Safety:** JR is working on insurance for “rolling wheel events.” JR will review safety guidelines for DEs.

**Newsletter:** Steve requested a new laptop for newsletter, and it was approved by the Board.

**Website:** Website is up to date – Eric will post Club Race details.

**Past President:** Nothing to report.

**Old/New Business:** The Board reviewed new PCA National policies and discussed a proposed track in Wichita.

Respectfully submitted, John Krecek



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