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## ***Carrera GT at MPH Club Race***



Steve Ginn

*Clockwise from left: Green, green, green! Racers round the final turn into the straightaway; Eric Elliot sends the racers out of the grid and onto the track.*

June 3 through 5 marked our Annual Porsche Club of America Club Race at Motorsports Park Hasting (MPH), known as the Carrera GT at MPH. Over three days, 38 racers in two groups exhibited their driving skills in a fun, safe, and competitive environment. In addition, approximately 20 drivers enjoyed track time in the non-competitive Drivers' Education program.

During each of the races, the track workers get an opportunity to choose their favorites among the racers. The coveted Workers' Choice plaques went to:

**Blue Race Group 1:** Stephen Sabers #171

**Red Race Group 1:** Dan Mayer #16

**Combined Race Group 2:** Alexandra Sabados #14

**Blue Race Group 1:** Richard Bennett #197

In the first sprint race on Saturday afternoon for Blue Group, Steven Sabers was the overall winner after 15 laps by a margin of 3.3 seconds over Sandy Steckman. Keith Fritze finished third, 0.37 seconds behind Steckman. The class winners were Sabers (SP3), Steckman (D), Fritze (SPB), Dale Tuety (SP1), and Dan Mayer (SP2).

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# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



As I said at the Club Race a few weeks ago, it's all downhill from here. Thanks to the diligent work of a number of GPR members, and a little help in the weather department, the Club Race was a tremendous success. I believe that we had over 40 racers and about 20 DE participants, which, though we'd love to have had more of both, is a healthy number.

There are many people to thank for making the Club Race a success, but the primary ones are our sponsors. As in years past, this year's Club Race would have lost a significant amount of money if not for the generous contributions from our sponsors. A big thanks as always goes to Woodhouse, our premier corporate sponsor. Also, we have two new corporate sponsors this year who have generously stepped up – Warren Distribution and CARS. In addition, Jack Baker, John Marchant, Mack Lease of Omaha, the Casslings, Steve Gallagher, Roland Manarin, Henry Davis, Investors Realty,

and Denny Strauss all helped to make the Club Race a reality through their donations. Thanks to all of you, and for the corporate sponsors, I would encourage our members to support these fine businesses.

As for our volunteers for Club Race, the primary thanks goes to Tom Cooper. A few of us put in three days of work for the Club Race, but Tom put a whole year's worth of work into the weekend. He did a marvelous job of organizing the event activities, getting everyone registered before the event, and getting everyone signed in and ready to go at the track. If the Club Race rested on one person's shoulders, it was Tom's, and he delivered another home run as always. I would also like to thank Tom's wife Karen who came out to Hastings to help Tom register folks at the track.

This year's Club Race Chair and honorary pace car driver John Krecek again did a tremendous job working with the national folks and taking care of all of the little things

that inevitably pop up over the course of the weekend. Our grid staff, led by gridmeister Eric Elliott with help from Russ Standage and Ken Kusik, informed and gridded drivers efficiently and with high praise from the national folks, despite having to endure some pretty warm temperatures in the sun all day.

JR Sanders and Rick Shaffer handled safety again for this event, and as always, got everyone through quickly and safely. Lori Cahill and Steve Eckhart worked with the timing and scoring folks from national throughout the weekend, and their help ensured a well-run event. Heather Wester helped us out of a jam and graciously volunteered to haul back and ship the supplies from PCA National. Finally, I'd like to give a big thanks to George Anderson – his facility was again in top notch condition, his staff was well trained, and he himself made sure that every little thing that we asked for was taken care of. It was again a

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## Inside Track (cont.)

pleasure to be able to “show off” our Hastings track to everyone who came out to for the weekend.

Though the rest of the year is “downhill”, that does not mean that we don’t have plenty of exciting events planned, from dinners to steak fries to a trip to the Harley Museum in KC. More details are in this issue.

Finally, with the recent flooding, the subject of this summer’s driving events is in question. We were supposed to have events at MAM August 13-14 and October 1, but as of last Friday, MAM is closed up. As I write this, the Board is working on alternative ideas, so check your email box for more details.

Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and sponsorship to bring the Club Race to fruition again this year – if I missed singling out a volunteer, I apologize, but we do appreciate your efforts. We are already planning for next year’s event, so if you didn’t get a chance to participate this year, we will be looking for your help next summer.



*Once again the Tessman family welcomed the GPR and the club racers to their home to celebrate a successful and safe club racing day.*



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- 9 Dakotas Region Dawn Patrol
- 9 St. Louis Region Labadie Dinner Tour
- 11-12 Nord Stern Region at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
- 13 Ozark Lakes Region Dinner Meeting at Ebbetts Field South
- 16 Nord Stern Summer Rally in Maple Grove, MN
- 16 St. Louis Region Cars and Coffee
- 24 Central Iowa Region Ice Cream Social, Tanya & Jim's in Oxford, Iowa
- 24 St. Louis Region Fast Eddie's Run
- 29-31 Nord Stern Region Brainerd International Raceway PCA Club Race and Driver Education
- 31-6 Porsche Parade

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

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## Harley-Davidson Tour Survey

Please vote! We are planning a trip to Kansas City in the fall to the Harley-Davidson factory. See the May issue of *Der Skooner* for details.

We need to find out how many of you are interested in the Harley Tour in November. The tour will be on a Friday. We will determine the date once we know how many people want

to go.

We have three options:

1. Drive personal auto down and back Friday
2. Drive personal auto down Friday, stay at the Plaza for shopping and whatever Friday evening. Spend the night and return Saturday.
3. Take a bus to the factory and Plaza returning on Friday.

Again, once I have an idea of the people interested in doing this I can get an idea of the cost.

Send your choices to Social Chairman Ardey Clark at:

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# Upcoming Events

## 2011 GPR Events

Dinner Run to Zurlo's Bistro Italiano.....	July 16
Road Rally/Loess Hills Fun Run to Pop N Doc's .....	Postponed Indefinitely
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex???	August 13-14
Sonic Show 'N' Shine .....	August 27
2nd Annual Steak Dinner at Schlott's House .....	September 3
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)
Harley Davidson Factory Tour in Kansas City .....	November (TBD)
Pre-holiday Get Together at Brix .....	December (TBD)

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# Carrera GT at MPH (cont.)



Steve Ginn



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Steve Eckhart

The Red Group followed with their first sprint race with overall honors going to Klaus Viljanmaa by a whopping margin of 38.2 seconds over Don Mayer. Tommy Dean finished 0.77 seconds behind Mayer. The class winners were Viljanmaa (GT1R), Mayer (GTC3), Dean (GTC4), Henry Davis (GTB1), Walt Fricke (GT4R), Alexandra Sabados (GT4S), Roland Manarin (K), Richard Bennett (E), and Scott Norby (G).

Following the afternoon's racing, we adjourned to the

Tessman's home to relax, enjoy a wonderful meal, and relive the day's (and previous days') activities.

On Sunday morning, the racers combined into a single group for two more sprint races. Sabados was the overall winner by 10.3 seconds over Stan Wenger. Manarin finished third 11.6 seconds further back after 20 laps. Class winners were Sabados (GT4S), Wenger (GT3R), Manarin (K), Sabers (SP3), Randal Cassling (GTB1), Fricke (GT4R), Mark Hufnagel (G), Bill Petty (E), Steckman (D), Fritze (SPB), Tuety (SP1), Mayer

(SP2), and Jay Burr (H).

On Sunday afternoon, the racers ran a second combined sprint race. The overall winner was Don Mayer by 10.7 seconds over Sabados. Michael Hemingway was another 1.9 seconds behind in third. Class winners were Mayer (GTC3), Sabados (GT4S), Wenger (GT3R), Manarin (K), Randal Cassling (GTB1), Bennett (E), Steckman (D), John Cooley (GT4R), Chester Bailey (SPB), Tuety (SP1), and Dan Mayer (SP2).

Other award winners included:

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#A2624. Black/natural brown, 785 miles, 6 speed

**2006 Porsche Boxster Tiptronic**

#A2616. Black/black leather, 22K miles, pristine

**2009 Porsche Carrera S**

#A2700. Black, 2K miles, 6 speed. \$85,990

**2008 Porsche Carrera Cabriolet**

#A2696. Meteor grey, 6 speed, 8K miles. \$68,995

**2010 Porsche Cayenne S**

#S110065A. Grey/black, 22K, nav, Bose, XM. \$58,995

**2010 Porsche Cayenne S**

#S100061. 12K miles, meteor grey, nav, loaded. \$59,995

**2010 Porsche Cayenne GTS**

#S100022A. Silver/black, 7K miles, panorama roof, gorgeous. \$69,995

**2008 Porsche Cayenne S**

#A2699. White, 42K miles, just arrived, call for details

**2008 Porsche Cayenne Tiptronic**

#A2287. Sand white/havanna, one owner. \$39,995

**2008 Porsche Cayenne Tiptronic**

#C10001. Marine blue/beige, nav, 29K miles, beautiful. \$39,995

**2004 Porsche Cayenne Turbo**

#S110112K. Silver/stone, 56K miles, one owner, 450 hp twin turbo

**2007 Porsche Cayman S**

#S110121A. 19" wheels, 9K, red wheels, hard to find Tiptronic. \$47,995



# July Dinner at Zurlo's

The flooding in the Missouri River valley forces us to change our event plans for the month of July. Originally, we planned a Fun Run through the Loess Hills to Pop 'n' Doc's. Because of the increasing number of road closures and their expected duration, we have postponed the Fun Run indefinitely.

We will have an event in the month of July. On July 16, we will meet at Zurlo's Bistro Italiano for dinner. Zurlo's is located at 13110 Birch Drive Suite 100 in Omaha. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss a fabulous meal and fun conversation. So, RSVP to Ardey Clark at [jclark70@cox.net](mailto:jclark70@cox.net)



*Flooding on the Missouri River forces the GPR to change our event plans for the month of July. On June 11, the GPR joined with members of Dakotas Region for breakfast at Farmhouse Cafe followed by a Fun Run north into the Loess Hills. Originally planned to go south to Nebraska City, flooding and road closures forced a change in the route. It was a beautiful day for a drive and flexibility in the route was the key to a fun day.*

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# ***Carrera GT Coverage (cont.)***

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Novice Racer: Chris Lennon

GT Racing Best Prepared Car:  
Alexandra Sabados

West Dillard led the national PCA Club Racing representatives as Chief Steward. Colin Mazzola assisted him as Scrutineer. Chuck Perilli was responsible for timing and scoring.



*Track workers enjoy a well-deserved break in the cool of the timing and scoring shack.*

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# ***Rennsport Reunion IV Update<sub>by</sub>***

Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV will be the world's greatest gathering of Porsche race cars and the drivers that drove them to victory, held at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca from October 14 to 16, 2011. Hosted by Porsche Cars North America, it will assemble the wide variety of Porsche's most historic racing models from the nimble 550 Spyder of the mid-fifties through the mighty 917 and 956/962 of the seventies and eighties to the highly successful RS Spyder of the last decade. Special tribute will be paid to the numerous racing versions of the Porsche 911 and their countless victories on the dawn of what will become another milestone of this iconic sports car.

The Porsche Club of America is honored to assist the Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV with several activities: History of the Porsche 911 Display, Porsche Model-Specific Parking Corrals with Parade laps of the track, PCA Hospitality and Membership Center, two race groups: Rennsport Reunion Cup for Porsche Cup Cars and PCA Club Racing for PCA race cars, and PCA Volunteer Pool—



*Rennsport Reunion IV will feature classic Porsche race cars like the 917, 956, and 962 in addition to highlighting the history of the 911.*

workers to assist with the club's involvement. Enhancing the Rennsport Reunion Cup race, Michelin Tire Company comes on board as the spec tire manufacturer for that exciting contest.

We are looking for exceptional examples of Porsche 911 production models for the History of the Porsche 911 Display at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca during the event. It will be a display representing the 911 model throughout its generational life. Please contact Tom Provasi for information and registration at [tprovasi@netgate.net](mailto:tprovasi@netgate.net) or (408)947-0980.

PCA members will be invited to use a terrific PCA Hospitality and Membership Center that will be open for all

days of the event, October 14-16, to park safely in one of the Porsche Model-Specific Parking Corrals (a corral parking ticket will be required— please visit [www.mazdaraceway.com](http://www.mazdaraceway.com) for ticket information), and to enjoy Parade laps of the track with their Porsches.

We will need PCA volunteer workers to assist with our activities at the Rennsport Reunion IV. If you are interested in supporting this memorable event, please contact Sharon Neidel with the PCA Volunteer Pool at [sharonneidel@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonneidel@yahoo.com) or 650/508-1308. We will have a very special event memento for the volunteer workers.



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Minutes of the June 14, 2011 Board Meeting. Attending were board members JR Sanders, Ardey Clark, Tom Cooper, Steve Wilwerding, Steve Gallagher, Steve Eckhart, and Abe Schlott. Also present were Lavonne Misner, Eric Elliott and Past President John Krecek.

**Social:** Ardey reviewed plans for July 16th Dinner @ Zurlos Bistro Italiano, Aug 13th-14th DE @ MAM, Aug 27th Sonic Show N Shine, September 11th Woodhouse track event, September 17th steak dinner @ Schlott's, October 1st DE @ MAM, October Indian Cave Fun Run, November Harley-Davidson Factory Tour, December Brix Pre Holiday Party, and January Holiday Party. July 31st Loess Hills Fun Run has been canceled due to flooding.

**Secretary:** Approved minutes from May meeting.

**President:** Discussed board succession, discussed DE planning for the summer given flooding uncertainty at MAM. Discussed scheduling an annual meeting at one of our upcoming events.

**Registrar:** Opening for August DE is July 1 on clubregistration.net.

**Treasurer:** Steve Gallagher reviewed financials of DE and Club Race as well as most recent bank statement.

**Club Race Chair:** Need to begin planning for next year's club race in a smaller group.

**Membership:** 4 new members this month.

**Safety:** Current Helmet requirement is Snell SA2005 or newer, no M rated (motorcycle) helmets allowed.

**Newsletter:** June is out, July coming up.

**Website:** Up to date.

**Chief Driving Instructor:** John Krecek went through details of the Club Race and congratulated everyone for a job well done. Went over award winners. Discussed June 1-3 for club race for next year. We may want to come prepared with plans for two race groups Sunday and one race group just in case.

Respectfully submitted by Abe Schlott



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