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Dinner at Zurlos Italian Bistro

by Steve Wilwerding



20 Great Plains Region members met for dinner, drinks, and fellowship at Zurlos Italian Bistro

The GPR held another excellent and well-attended dinner event on July 16 at Zurlos Italian Bistro.

Despite the rather warm weather, over 20 members joined us for a delicious meal and lively conversation.

We welcomed a number of club members attending their first event. I enjoyed visiting with new members John and Linda Rebrovk and Tom and Joann Lutcavisk. I also got to spend time with Father Tom (ask him about his Boxster).

A wonderful time was had by all, and we heard good feedback about these type of events, so look for similar upcoming events on the calendar. A big thanks to Ardey Clark for setting everything up.

Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



Ah, the dog days – pretty uncomfortable to do anything outside, and definitely way too hot to be driving with the top down. Someone mentioned the other day that I will be begging for this weather in the middle of January when it's 10 degrees, but I don't think so. I'm more of a temperate weather person – I wouldn't ask for a hot day on an extremely cold day, and vice versa. I'll take temps between 40 and 80 – you can keep the rest.

As for a track update, I believe last month we had decided to cancel the August event, and wait and see on the October event. Unfortunately, if you have not seen pictures of MAM, it is really and truly all the way underwater. If they can reopen by next spring, it would be a miracle, but any more track events this year are definitely off. However, there are a number of events coming up in Hastings, including the Woodhouse Weekend in early September. By the time you read this, registration for that

event should be open (see page 7), and we will have details on the website. There are also a number of other car clubs holding events in Hastings this summer, so if you're hankering for a track day, check out their website at racemph.com.

As for other events, we have added a few more. We will be having breakfast at Ingredient restaurant on August 20, then attending the outdoor market at Midtown Crossing. There are more details about the event in this issue. Ardey also says that there seems to be sufficient interest to put on the Harley Davidson tour, so if you are interested in participating, shoot him an email at jclark70@cox.net.

The big end-of-summer event will be the Steak Fry at the Schlott household on September 17. I often get asked where the local membership dues go, and the answer that I give is that we use some for the newsletter, but most of it goes to subsidizing events – we often have to rent facilities for events, or provide drinks, or whatever.

The Steak Fry is a subsidized event – the steaks are on us. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert and something fun to drink and share. Abe and Kelly have graciously volunteered to host the event again, and if you weren't part of the fun last year, definitely make plans to join us this year.

We also have another Sonic Show 'N' Shine on the calendar, as well as the Lauritzen Gardens Car Show, and that just takes us to the end of summer.

An idea I picked up at the Zone 10 meeting was to have an annual meeting in the fall to bring our membership up to date on the Club's activities and to have attending members vote for next year's Board. We do some of these functions at the Holiday Party (which we will still have), but I like the idea of a meeting in the fall. We will work on the details, but if anyone has an idea on a restaurant to host the meeting, let us know.

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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 Night continues the 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 finishing the season on Saturday, August 27. A stray Ferrari and even a Lambourghini 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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 4. Merge onto Van Dorn Street/NE-2 E.
 5. Turn right onto Nebraska Hwy/S 9th Street/ NE-2 East. Continue to follow Nebraska Hwy/NE-2 E.
 6. Turn right onto South 48th Street.
- According to Mapquest, the drive is about 1:11.

Inside Track (cont.)

I am on my way to Minnesota for a family vacation, where the weather is cooler and the lakes more plentiful. We do some fishing and some jet skiing, but mostly it is just an opportunity to kick back and not do anything at all. I hope the rest of you get such an opportunity before the summer ends, and I hope to see all of you at an upcoming event.

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Zone 10 August Events

- 6 Nord Stern Region at Vino in the Valley
Red River Region at AutoSlalom Gimli
- 7 Red River Region at Time Speed Distance Rally
- 10 Ozark Lakes Region at Pizza Party at the Moist's
- 11 St. Louis Region at Tischzeit Thursday
- 13 Dakotas Region at Dawn Patrol "Cayman Capers"
- 14 Central Iowa Region at Botham Car Show, Barneveld, Wisconsin
Red River Region at Annual Pool Party
St. Louis Region at August Wine Tour
- 20 Red River Region at AutoSlalom Level 2 School
Red River Region at Dinner Cruise
St. Louis Region at Cars and Coffee
Wichita Region at Annual Pool Party/Lake Party
- 21 Red River Region at AutoSlalom
St. Louis Region at Parade to Springfield, Illinois
- 25-28 Dakota Region at Run for the Hills IV
- 28 Central Iowa Region at SERTOMA Fly/Drive-in Charity Breakfast, Iowa City Airport
Wichita Region at Autocross at Road Yoder

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at www.pca.org.

Central Iowa Region: cia.pca.org

Dakotas Region: dak.pca.org

Kansas City Region: kcrpca.org

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Fatburger Dinner Run by Eric Elliot and Steve Eckhart



Fatburger has been closed far too long. Over the last few months, George Poullos and company have been moving to their new location.

Help us celebrate the opening of Fatburger's new location on Friday, August 5th, from 6:30 pm until whenever! We'll have special parking roped off for us and there will be food specials to enjoy.

Fatburger's new location is 725 N. 114th in Omaha (1/2 block north of 114th &

Dodge.) Let's all go see George's new place and help him get off to a great start at his new location.

If you haven't had the opportunity to try a Fatburger yet, be sure to sample the onion rings, fries, and the best milkshakes in town.

If we're lucky, George will even remember to tell the staff about the event this time!

So, bring your Porsche, your family, and get ready for great food, great fun, and great friends.

Upcoming Events

2011 GPR Events

Fatburger Dinner Run.....	August 5
Drivers Education at Mid America Motorplex	Canceled
Elite Auto Spa Night of Cars.....	August 16
Breakfast at Ingredient	August 20
Freedom Car Show	August 22
Sonic Show 'N' Shine	August 27
Woodhouse Track Event at Motorsports Park Hastings	September 9-11
2nd Annual Steak Dinner at Schlott's House	September 17
Lauritzen Gardens Car Show	September 18
Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	Canceled
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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Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Chevy, Buick, Pontiac, Porsche, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Nissan

Open registration is from August 8th - September 2nd for all other makes.

Drivers will be grouped based on level of experience and there will be plenty of drive time for all!
All novice drivers will be paired with an instructor.

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Friday evening, September 9th: A special Woodhouse welcome with Hors'dourves, Check-In and Tech Inspections

Saturday, September 10th: A day on the track for drivers of all skill levels (instructors and Driver's Education courses provided), parade laps, buffet-style lunch in the Guardrail Clubhouse, Nebraska Famous Steak Dinner Party, Bacardi Bus track tours, and evening bonfire

Sunday, September 11th: Another day on the track (instructors and Driver's Education courses provided), buffet-style lunch, and afternoon wrap-up

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Elite Auto Spa Night of Cars

Elite Auto Spa invites you to join them for the second Night of Cars. The event runs from 5:00 to dusk.

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Elite Auto Spa will supply drinks. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and other food available for sale on location. If it is the same vendor as last year, you will need to bring cash.

Elite Auto Spa is located at 10808 Blondo Street (northeast corner of 108th and Blondo) in Omaha.



Last year's Elite Auto Spa Night of Cars filled the grid quickly with Porsches, Corvettes, and more filling the grid.

If you have questions, contact Tom Heaney at (402) 614-4444 or tom@

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Look for more details at eliteautospaomaha.com.

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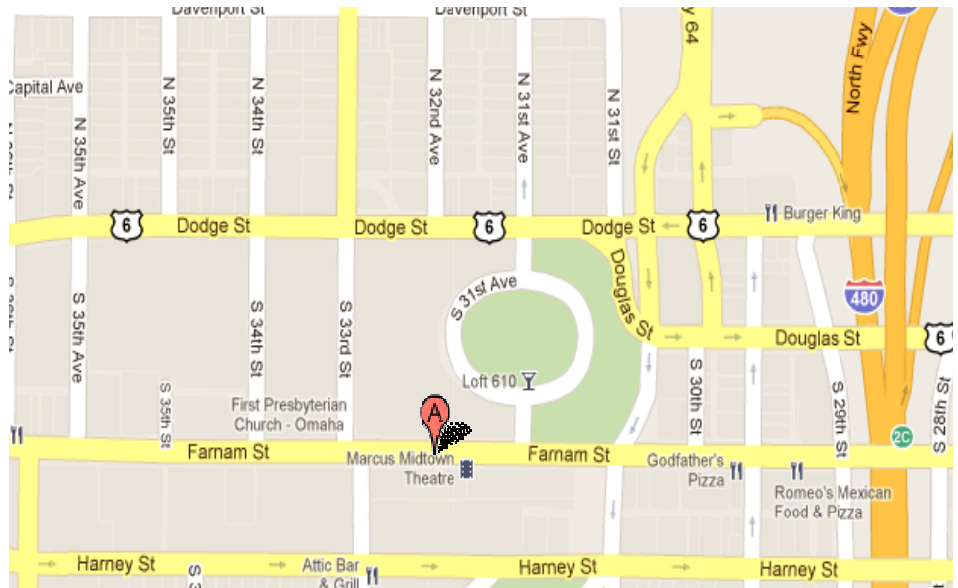
Breakfast at Ingredient

We will be holding a club breakfast at Ingredient at Midtown Crossing in Omaha.

We'll meet on Saturday, August 20, at 8:30 am for breakfast. Ingredient is located at 3201 Farnam Street, Omaha.

Following breakfast, we will attend the Outdoor Market at Midtown Crossing.

For this event, please RSVP to Steve Wilwerding at steve.wilwerding@gmail.com.



Second Annual Steak Dinner at the Schlott's House



GPR-PCA Secretary Abe Schlott and his wife, Kelly, pose with their Boxster. Abe and Kelly will open their home to the GPR again on September 17

On September 17, Abe and Kelly Schlott will open their home for the second annual steak dinner. Last year, the steak dinner was the highlight of the club family social calendar.

The Great Plains Region will supply the steaks and soft drinks. We ask that each member bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you'd like something stronger to drink, please bring your own.

The steak dinner is a family event, so bring the kids. Last year we had kids playing soccer, video games, and in the hot tub.

The Schlotts live at 18708 Nicholas Street in Elkhorn, NE (behind the women's health center on 180th and Dodge).

So that we can order the right number of steaks, please RSVP to Kelly Schlott at betachi23@cox.net or 402-891-7153 by September 10.



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Due to a number of board members being out of town, we did not meet in July. The board conducted all business via email. All board members concurred with the decision to cancel all remaining club track events scheduled for 2011.

The board confirmed moving the steak night from September 3 to September 17.



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