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Grill and Chill by Steve Eckhart



Boys and girls of all ages enjoyed the first Grill and Chill at Abe and Kelly Schlott's in August.

The last time I saw wild turkey at a club event, it was coming out of a bottle, " remarked John Krecek. In one of the odder happenings at a Great Plains Region event, a flock of wild turkeys wandered through Abe and Kelly Schlott's yard during the First Grill and Chill. Unfortunately, no one thought quickly enough to get a picture of the turkeys before Gizmo chased them away.

The Schlotts graciously opened their home to the whole GPR family (including kids) on August 14. We grilled steaks and enjoyed a wonderful selection of salads, sides, and plenty of desserts.



The children enjoyed games of soccer (played by their own rules), video games on the Wii, and cavorting in the hot tub. The adults enjoyed catching up with friends and making some new ones.

All in all, this year's second family oriented event was a big success. Thank you again to the Schlotts for hosting and we hope that next year we can call it the second annual Grill and Chill.

From the Prez

By Jon Theobald



For those that haven't noticed, the GPR has received some nice national media attention in the past few months. In the July *Panorama*, Sandy Steckman's article "One Lap of the Great Plains" was published along with several color pictures of the group as they ventured from Mid America Motorplex in Pacific Junction, Iowa, then out to Motorsports Park Hastings, and finally down to Topeka, Kansas to run a few fun laps on Heartland Park track. I'm not going to go into detail of the trip since the story has been run in *Panorama*, but nice job guys in getting some national attention for the creativity and love of Porsches that our members display!

Then in the July-September national issue of *PCA Club Racing News*, Richard Bennett of the Kansas City Region, submitted an article describing his weekend experience at our Great Plains Carrera GT club race in June. He praised and congratulated our group for hosting such a "warm, friendly, and efficient" event. There were even several pics including one of Sean Cahill and JR Sanders enjoying a cigar and a beer under the canopy next to

their trailer after a day of racing. Thanks to Richard for writing such a nice article about the event.

The PCA Club Racing "Rookie of the Year" award was also revealed nationally in this issue of *PCA Club Racing News*...wait for it...our own Randall Cassling! (Ed. Note: See a reprint of the PCA Club Racing News story on page 3.) The award was presented to Randy at our club race in June by race steward John Crosby. This is probably old news to the racers but I thought I would mention it again for the folks that don't hang in the racing crowd.

Car shows are the theme for September with three events: one the All-Euro Car show at Lauritzen Gardens September 12th and the Havelock Car show the same day in Lincoln. Then September 23, Fatburger will be hosting the Porsche Pride event at their Shadow Lake Towne Center location.

Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha is hosting the 2010 Woodhouse Track Experience at Midamerica Motorplex September 18-19th. All Woodhouse brands are welcome to this track driving

weekend and there will be driving instructors available for all folks new to the track. Last year's event was a blast and I'm sure this year will be awesome as well. Be sure to register soon if you haven't already.

Due to our successful track events this season, the GPR will be hosting a one-day DE "Last Pass in the Grass" at Midamerica Motorplex on Saturday, October 9th! We've had one-day DE's in the past and they have been novice events but this year will be different—we will be having instructors available for new students and we'll be modifying our driving certification accordingly. There's no Husker game that weekend so no excuses not to be there! We will get a full day of driving in—don't be surprised to see six(!) sessions and combined run groups for the day so you will get some serious track time in!

Hope to see you at some upcoming events—be sure to enjoy the cooler weather we're having!



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Michael Melton Memorial Rookie Award - 2009

By Bruce Boeder, Chairman PCA Club Racing

I am pleased to announce the recipient of the Michael Melton Memorial Rookie Award for 2009 is Randy Cassling of Great Plains Region. But first, for those of you who did not have the privilege of knowing Michael Melton, some background.

Michael was an international law professor at Boston University Law School, after having worked for the IRS and various firms early in his career. Michael became an avid supporter of PCA and specifically PCA Club Racing. He also was a school boy athlete (football and lacrosse), dog lover, lover of good food and drink, raconteur, and quietly the life of any party. After attending and volunteering at numerous Club Races, his friends at European Performance Engineering (EPE) convinced him to jump into PCA Club Racing in his 1969 911T, running in J class. Michael thereafter disparagingly

referred to himself as "The Rookie." Michael was the second editor of Club Racing News. Unfortunately he passed away in 1999 of pancreatic cancer. His friends at EPE in Natick, Massachusetts, have given this award in his memory ever since.

The award has been the same since its inception, a plaque which resides at EPE. The plaque is a permanent trophy and each year, the winner's name is added to the plaque. Jerry Pellegrino, the owner of EPE, was also a close friend of Michael and has sponsored the award from the beginning.

The award winner is chosen by the stewards, who review a large group of rookie racers who participated safely and successfully in at least five races during their rookie season. This year Randy Cassling rose to the top of the group. I'll let him tell the story in his own words in the article that follows. 🍀

Rookie of the Year - 2009

By Randy Cassling, PCA Club Racer (Great Plains Region)

I am honored to be considered for this award. I have loved Porsche ever since I began drooling over cars.

Mitch Schneringer, manager of Porsche of Omaha, talked me into doing a DE after I bought a Boxster S. I was hooked. After several DE's I upgraded to a GT3 I bought from a now good friend. My brother also bought an RS America from the same person. Our plan was to do PCA Club Racing together. That didn't work out, so I went to my first Club Race solo.

The people at the Heartland Park Topeka Club Race were wonderful and I was very happy to have a large red "X" on my car. The Cup Car drivers kept me safe and apologized later if they got too close. The highlight of that first race was passing my first and only car while having

my crew cheer me on. I also received the Rookie of the Race award! However, I should tell you I was the only rookie there.

Next I went to the Club Race at High Plains Raceway. There I was able to lose my red "X" and learn how fun Enduros are, as long as you remember to go to the bathroom first. I also passed a few more people along the way.

Since then I changed cars to a Cayman and I have pulled my wife and my daughter into this sport as well.

I have found the people at Porsche Club events to always be helpful, friendly, and inclusive. I have a long list of tracks and events to attend. Driving and racing is such a blast. How can you not have a constant smile? Thanks for this honor. 🍀



Randy Cassling (C) with PDE Instructors Chris Hall (L) and Christian Coggins (R)

Night of Cars *by Steve Eckhart*

On August 18, Elite Auto Spa hosted the GPR and several other area auto clubs to a night of cars.

Chicago Dog was on hand with half price hot dogs, brats, and chips. Elite Auto Spa provided drinks.

GPR members swapped stories with Corvette, BMW, Mercedes, and other fine makes owners.

A good time was had by all.



Upcoming Events

2010 GPR Events

Havelock Car Show	September 12
All-Euro Car Show at Lauritzen Gardens	September 12
Porsche Pride at Fatburger	September 23
Fun Run to the Hausbarn in Manning, Iowa	October 3
Last Pass in the Grass Driver's Education	October 9
Group Dinner at Pasta Amore Featuring Sandy Steckman	October 16
Boo Bash at Mid America Motorplex	October 23

Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha Events

Our friends at Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha are hosting the following events. Mark your calendars. Watch for more details directly from Woodhouse.

September 18-19

Woodhouse Track Event at Mid America Motorplex

October 9

Racoon River Lodge in West Des Moines

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Admission to the European Car and Bike Expo is free with paid garden admission of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children age six to 12. Garden members and children under the age of six are admitted free of charge.

Exhibitor registration is from 9 a.m. to noon. A \$15 fee includes garden admission and T-shirt (while supplies last).

For more information, contact Joe at (402) 212-6038.
Rain date: Sunday, September 19, 2010.

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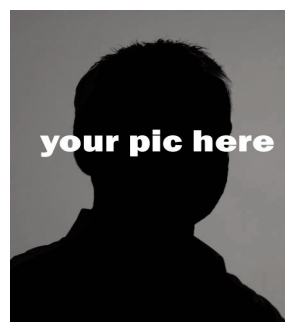
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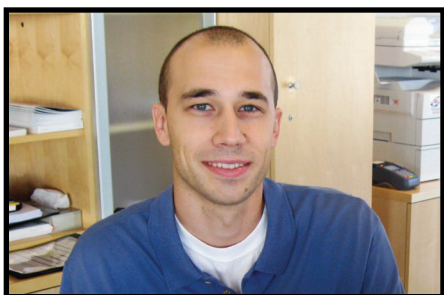


GPR members to serve on the 2011 GPR Board. We have a number of openings in "entry" positions, which require only a few hours or less per month. If interested, please contact Jon Theobald.

Meet our team:

Andy Hipwell

Porsche Service Advisor Assistant



Andy is a familiar face that we're sure you've all seen while visiting the dealership. Andy was our detail technician and lot porter and has now been promoted to Service Advisor Assistant. His customer service skills are sure to make him a success in his new position.

Prior to his role at the Porsche store, he worked in the vehicle clean-up & prep department at our Blair locations and has been with Woodhouse for a total of five years.

When not at work, Andy enjoys spending time with his three year old son Landon and wife Tiffany. Andy's favorite Porsche experiences are feeling the PDK transmission launch mode and driving a Carrera GT.

Getting to know Andy:

- 1. What is your full legal name?**
Andrew Scott Hipwell
- 2. How many years/months have you been with the Woodhouse Auto Family?**
5 years
- 3. If married. . . what is your spouse's name?**
Tiffany
- 4. How many children do you have?**
One - Landon
- 5. What is your first thought when you wake up in the morning?**
Time to wake the kid up.
- 6. What kind of car do you drive?**
Mazda 6, Honda Accord
- 7. What is/was your favorite vacation?**
Jamaica
- 8. What is one thing most people do not know about you?**
I worked at Starbucks when I was 16.
- 9. What is your favorite pastime/hobbies?**
Fishing, working on cars, time with family
- 10. What kind of music do you listen to most?**
Mostly anything but country
- 11. What is your favorite movie?**
The Hangover
- 12. What is your favorite food?**
BBQ
- 13. Tell us something that makes you happy.**
Vacation and fast cars
- 14. What is your favorite Porsche?**
2011 GT3 RS, GT2 RS, 918 Spyder, Cayman cup car, but I guess that's more than one.
- 15. What color would it be?**
White, unless I can make it all carbon fiber.
- 16. Where would you rather drive your favorite Porsche: race track or scenic road?**
Race track (Nurburgring)

Last Pass in the Grass Driver's Ed

Don't miss the GPR's last track driving event of the season at Mid America Motorplex on October 9th, Saturday ONLY. It's a 1-day DE with instructors available for novice drivers. There is no Husker game this weekend so come on out and burn that last bit of rubber off your track tires.

Registration is open NOW on Clubregistration.net and contact Tom Cooper at gpr-registrar@cox.net for any other questions.



Last chance for a GPR Driver's Ed event this year is at Mid America Motorplex.

Kansas City Region Fall Fast DE at Heartland Park

The Kansas City Region of the Porsche Club of America's Fall Fast DE is open for registration at www.clubregistration.net.

The event will be held at Heartland Park Topeka on October 1-3, 2010.

We have managed to keep the cost of the event the same as last year!


Event details on the Club

Registration site. Friday October 1, 2010 is limited to KCRPCA approved instructors and pre-approved Advanced Drivers. If you would like to sign up for Friday and are not an instructor, please email me at kctrackstuff@gmail.com for pre-approval.

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Registration closes September 26th.



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Spaß Haben Rennen Haus Schenue

by Ardey Clark



Join us for a fun drive out to the Hausbarn on October 3 in Manning, Iowa

The next fun run will be Spab Haben Rennen Haus Schenue. For those who do not sprecken Deutsch, a loose translation is Fun Run to the Hausbarn. At least, I think it is.

We will meet on October 3 at the northwest corner of the Wal-Mart parking lot off I-680 and Irvington Exit. Pedal to the metal at 10:00 AM sharp. We will take a scenic drive to Manning, Iowa where we will

have lunch and a guided tour of the Hausbarn, Historic Farm, and Church. Admission is \$7.50 per adult. The Methodist Church will furnish us with a sandwich, salad, dessert, and refreshments for \$8.00 per adult at the Visitor Center. The tour will take an hour to an hour and a half, so we should be back in Omaha around 3:30 or 4:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Ardey Clark at jclark70@cox.net by September 25 so I can make sure they have enough food for us all. I will hand out a detailed list of the route at the Wal-Mart Parking lot.

Please show up with your Porsche and a full tank of gas. There is only one other Hausbarn in the United States. You can learn more at www.germanhausbarn.com.

Porsche Pride at Fatburger

Last September, George Poullos secured the 2009 Dumkopf Award by announcing that he would host a Porsche Pride Night at his Fatburger restaurant — and then forgetting to tell his staff we were coming. So, there's no chance that the same thing will happen this year.

You'll want to join your GPR friends in the parking lot of Fatburger in Shadow Lake Town Centre near 72nd Street and Highway 370.

After gathering in the special Porsche-only (that means you, George!) parking area, we will enjoy half-priced menu items in the restaurant.



The coveted Dumkopf Award is now on prominent display at Fatburger. Come see it for yourself during Porsche Pride Night.

You don't want to miss the burgers, onion rings, and shakes. Fatburger is located at

7902 Towne Center Pkwy # 121, Papillion, NE in Shadow Lake Towne Center.

Are You a Speed Freak, Too?

Here's your chance to own a unique piece of automotive art. The Summit at First National Tower is offering this whimsical take on the 911 GT3 and other sculptures from Speed Freaks at a discount to GPR members. The G-T-Arghhhh usually retails for about \$55. The GPR member price is \$45! Similar discounts are available on all other Speed Freaks sculptures



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Due to several board members being out of town, the GPR board did not meet in August. All business for the month was conducted informally during the club events and via email.

Want Ads

1974 Porsche 911 Coupe. Gold. One owner. 29,143 original miles. Has been stored in garage for 10 years. Good condition; bids start at \$8,000. If interested call Judy at 702-249-1192 or 702-656-3795 or Nancy at 303-741-5742.

1990 Nissan 300ZX. Pearl yellow with gray leather. One owner. 53,008 original miles. Stored in garage for 10 years by original owner. Excellent condition. \$7,000.00 or best offer. If interested call Judy at 702-249-1192 or 702-656-3795 or Nancy at 303-741-5742.

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Der Skooner runs want ads on a space-available basis for members in good standing. Contact Steve Eckhart no later than the 21st of the previous month to place your ad. GPR does not charge members for want ads. All others pay at the business card-sized advertising rate.



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