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Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite by Eric Elliot



Porsches were well-represented at the final Sonic Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite of 2011

On August 27, the weather was perfect and the conversation was better! Nearly 100 cars rolled out to Sonic for the last Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite of the season. It was a sea of European cars with Porsches, BMWs, Audis, Ferraris, Volkswagens, and even a handful of Chevy Corvairs pretending to be European

making the trip. BMW Motorcycles were well-represented too, providing a little something for everyone.

New and old members alike swapped stories, got advice on fixing pesky starter problems, and I wouldn't be surprised if a few parts were bought and sold that night. Several people showed off

newly acquired purchases, while others shared memories of the car they'd owned for decades.

Overall it was a great way to end the 2011 Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite season, and everyone is already looking forward to next year!

Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



A quick anecdote to start the article: If you've noticed Omaha license plates lately, they have finally gotten down to plates that start with S. Since I've never really considered paying extra for a vanity plate for my Porsche, I offhandedly thought it would be neat if, by chance, I were able to get SMW 986 for the Boxster (my initials are SMW, 986 for the model). The thought hadn't really crossed my mind again until I opened the plates from the DMV, and lo and behold, I got SMW 989 – only three plates off from the one I wanted! Such is life.

For those who haven't gotten an update on MAM, the latest I've heard is that if the floodwaters recede in the next several weeks, such that they can get the track dry, they believe that they can have things cleaned up and ready to go by spring. If, however, the water is still there in a few months when it freezes, all bets are off. Let's all cross our fingers that the MAM folks can get dry before winter and have

things ready for us in the spring.

There are a lot of exciting events coming up. The Woodhouse Track Experience promises to be another excellent event, so if you haven't already signed up and would like some inexpensive track time, please come on out and support our local dealership. The week after that is the Steak Fry at the Schlott's – whether you came last year or not, definitely make plans to come this year – Abe and Kelly really know how to throw a party. They are collecting RSVPs now, and there is more information in this newsletter.

The day after the Schlott's party is the Lauritzen Gardens Car Show. I attended the first show a couple years ago, and it has astounded me at how big it has gotten. I stopped by last year, and I'm quite certain they had well over 100 cars, and probably more than 40 European motorcycles. There are more details in this issue – if you would like to show your car, there is an entry form that

needs to go to Lauritzen Gardens.

After that, the calendar is pretty open. We are planning to have a fall dinner where we will present some details about the Club from 2011, as well as allow anyone in attendance to vote for next year's Board. We have several opportunities for "entry level" positions on the Board. If you could spare a couple hours a month, we would love to have you join. Plus, at least once a month, you're guaranteed to have a great night out with your GPR friends (things always get exciting after Board meetings). If you're interested, please let me know.

As the children get back to school and the days get shorter, I think back to what a great summer of events I have had with my Porsche Club friends, and I hope you all were able to make it out to at least one event. If not, I hope to see you at one of the many upcoming events that we'll have before it's time to put the cars down for another winter.

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Rennsport Reunion IV

With the rolling landscape and park benches on a perfectly-groomed lawn, you might think you were in Bavaria, which is exactly what Porsche Cars North America intends with its Porsche Park-in-the-Paddock—located amongst the vintage race cars at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV, October 14-16. This area, located behind the media center (where the tire companies usually set up for a race weekend), will feature an authentic German biergarten as well as German food and a park atmosphere so Rennsport attendees can take a break from the on-track activity and absorb the experience. But Rennsport fans will still know that they are at a Porsche event, as the Park-in-the-Paddock will have plenty of sports car activity as well, according to Bernd Harling, Porsche's Principal Communications Counsel and coordinator for Rennsport.

"Besides the food and drink, our Park-in-the-Paddock will include a center stage where driver introductions and all the autograph sessions will take place and live music will be played, as well as the very popular model car display, photo opportunities with the CARS movie star Sally Carrera—maybe our most famous 911—and a Porsche Sport Driving School activity center," said Harling.

"We also hope to have a

sneak showing of a future Porsche model in the Park, but it's a little too early to be able to confirm its appearance," Harling teased. Other activities around the paddock are taking shape as well for the October event. "Porsche Motorsports North America, headquartered in Santa Ana, will have a display not only to show its modern and vintage race car parts and service capabilities, but to encourage the many Porsche race car owners to take advantage of the company's free technical advice offered to anyone who asks," said Harling.

With the Porsche 911 being the featured race car of Rennsport IV, fans will also be able to view two 911 displays which help capture the history of this iconic sports car. The first is a special collection of the most significant 15 race cars in 911 history. The other 911 display is being assembled by the Porsche Club of America, and proved to be very popular at Porsche Rennsport III at Daytona in 2007. In order to show the progression of the Porsche 911 model, the club has assembled 40 examples representing significant models across time.

PCA will assist 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—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.

The assembly of exceptional examples of 911 production models for the History of the Porsche 911 Display is well underway, representing the 911 model throughout its generational life.

Many PCA workers have volunteered to assist with our activities at the Rennsport Reunion IV. If you are interested in supporting the effort, please contact Sharon Neidel with the PCA Volunteer Pool at sharonneidel@yahoo.com or 650/508-1308. We will have a very special event memento for the volunteer workers.

Additional details of the Porsche Rennsport Reunion IV are published on the following Porsche web site: www.porsche.com/usa/rennsport-reunion-iv/. For additional information and event tickets please visit the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca web site at www.mazdaraceway.com or 800/327-7322.

Zone 10 September Events

- 9-10 Central Iowa Region at Lujack Porsche Tech Session, Blackhawk Hotel Cocktail Party and Afternoon Drive
Nord Stern Region at Brainerd International Raceway Last Fling Driver Training
- 10 Ozark Lake Region at Top Shot Event
Wichita Region at Night Out at the Range
- 11 St. Louis Region Columbia Porsche Group Tech Session
- 14 Ozark Lake Region Dinner Meeting at Porsche of Springfield
- 17 Kansas City Region Shrimp Boil at Stratfords
St. Louis Region at Ste. Genevieve Wine Tour
- 18 Wichita Region Autocross at Road Yoder
- 22-25 Dakotas Region at RVBOWWOW VII (Rivers, Valleys, Bluffs Of Wisconsin –We're On our Way!)
- 23-25 Nord Stern Region at Annual North Shore Fall Color Tour
- 24 Ozark Lakes Porsche Corral at the ANPAC Car Show for Kids
St. Louis Region at Dyno Day Tech Session
- 30 Wichita Region Octoberfast at Hallett

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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Red River Region: redriverpca.org

St. Louis Region: www.stlpca.org

Wichita Region: wic.pca.org

Fatburger Dinner Run *by Steve Eckhart*



On August 5, approximately 20 GPR members convened to celebrate the reopening of Fatburger's at their new location. Club member George Poullos and his team worked long and hard to get the new store ready.

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.

Unfortunately, we were

not able to have the special parking area we had planned on. But, everyone found a place to park and soon we were swapping stories and enjoying the food.

Just as the party was breaking up, the rain drops started to fall. A few members with open top cars hurried to get the tops up for the drive home.

We look forward to next spring and the next Fatburger Porsche Pride night.

Upcoming Events

2011 GPR Events

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
Poker Run	September 24
Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	Canceled
Indian Cave Fun Run	Postponed (TBD)
Harley Davidson Factory Tour in Kansas City	October 7-8
Pre-holiday Get Together at Brix	December (TBD)

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Lauritzen Car Show

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**Sunday, September 18
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This year's Lauritzen Gardens European Car and Bike Expo will be Sunday, September 18, 2010 from Noon to 3 p.m.

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the gardens and European automobiles and motorcycles all in one place.

Models you might find are:

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Mini Cooper
BMW
Rolls Royce
Lamborghini

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 \$20 fee includes garden admission and T-shirt (while supplies last).

For more information, contact Joe at (402) 212-6038 or Jennifer at (402) 346-4002 ext. 204.

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#A2761. Black/black, 10K miles,
panorama sunroof, beautiful. \$39,995

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Poker Run *by Ardey Clark*

Join us for a Poker Run on Saturday, September 24. We will meet at WalMart at 168th and West Maple at the west end of the parking lot meet at 12:00 p.m. We will depart at 12:30. Please show up with a full tank of gas. This will be a good time to get a tour of the Nebraska Czech Alps.

If you have not been on a Poker Run before, we will make a total of five stops. At each stop you will pick one card from a deck of cards. At the end, we'll get together and compare hands. The best hand will be the winner.

Each stop will have food and drinks; we will end up at the Sand Bar at Branched Oak Lake around 5:00 p.m., so if you



want to leave to watch the Nebraska game you can or they will have the game on TV. We will announce the winner. Then, you can stay and have something to eat or leave when you are ready.

The total mileage from start to finish is around 124

miles. We will stop in Valley, Morse Bluff, Bruno, David City, and at Branched Oak Lake.

Please RSVP by 9/20 to Ardey Clark at (402) 891-1181 or to jclark70@cox.net. Hopefully the weather will be good.

We'll see you there!

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Breakfast at Ingredient *by Steve Wilwerding*

A few intrepid members of the GPR met at Ingredient restaurant in Midtown Crossing August 20 for breakfast. Gary and Sue Quast, Tom Cooper, Kim Burger, Jim Lang, and Steve Wilwerding enjoyed a delicious build-it-yourself breakfast, before taking a stroll through the outdoor market. Though there were a variety of things to choose from, the GPR members left with some locally grown

fruits and vegetables, and some locally baked pies and sweet breads. It was a pleasant morning for a group breakfast and an outside stroll, and the GPR members who had never been to Midtown Crossing thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the new condos, shops, and businesses that have moved in.



We hope to repeat the event in the future, so watch your newsletter for details!

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.

We'll light the fires at 6:00 and leave when Kelly kicks us out.



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The August Board meeting was conducted via email.

President: Steve asked which of the Board members would like to stay on for 2012.

Registrar: Tom reports that we have the first weekend in June scheduled for the 2012 Club Race, and he is getting the ball rolling with PCA National on scheduling. Also, we need to start thinking about DE dates next year and whether MAM will be available.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Membership: We have four new members in July and August. Tom would like to produce a new pamphlet for prospective members.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Steve distributed the Register Report, including a full Club Race summary.

Website: Eric reports that the website is up-to-date.

Chief Instructor: We will be providing some of our instructors for the Woodhouse event at MPH in September.

Safety: Nothing to report.

The next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 pm.



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