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Second Annual Steak Dinner



As you can see in the pictures above, the Second Annual Steak Dinner at the Schlotts was a huge success.

Despite the misty weather, 20 Great Plains Region members and their families gathered at the home of Abe and Kelly Schlott. The GPR provided the steaks and everyone else brought sides and (mostly) desserts.

Abe Schlott did the cooking and he can grill a mean steak. There were delicious sides and did I mention desserts?

During the party, Sandy Steckman modeled some interesting new head wear. Look for it at the fashion shows in Paris and New York this year.

The Schlotts have a very comfortable massage chair. Be

sure to check it out next year for the ultimate in relaxation.

Finally, we had the opportunity to see how proudly Abe displays the Dumkopf Award. Where will it be next year?

A big thank you to the Schlotts for opening their home to us again. We look forward to next year; you won't want to miss it.

Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



For some reason, I received a copy of *Christophorous* in the mail the other day. For those not familiar with the publication, I believe Porsche puts it out themselves as a "Porsche lifestyle" magazine. It's been almost 10 years since I've seen one, and I would say that it did at least contain some technical articles in addition to the obligatory lifestyle articles.

I was first exposed to *Christophorous* when I bought my Boxster almost 10 years ago. The original owner had been a subscriber ever since he had bought the car back in 1997, and he gave me all of them with the car (I guess once you sell your Porsche, you can't live the Porsche lifestyle anymore). I quickly went through them, finding very little worthwhile. At the time, I had just finished graduate school, and while I did own a Porsche, my lifestyle did not in any way approximate what I saw in the magazine. As an aside, I also subscribe to the *Wall Street Journal*, and every quarter they put out a WSJ lifestyle

magazine. Similar to *Christophorous*, it may as well be written in Greek, since it is completely foreign to me.

While I don't mean to denigrate anyone in the Club who subscribes to *Christophorous* (as I said, it is much improved), I can't say that I know of anyone in the Club who I would say lives the Porsche lifestyle as depicted. Not that many of our members couldn't, but seemingly the purpose of the magazine is for folks who see their Porsches as fashion accessories, not as driving machines, and I just don't know of anyone in the Club who I could say sees their Porsche solely as an accessory.

Our members, in my experience, love their cars – they do not own them to make themselves look good when pulling up to the Country Club, they own them because they are just plain fun, or they are great track/autocross cars, etc. In fact, when I tell people that I am associated with the Porsche Club, they assume that all of our members are exactly like

the ones depicted in the magazine, while I have found exactly the opposite to be true. All of the folks I have met in the Porsche Club are very down-to-earth, fun people who love their cars BECAUSE they are Porsches.

This point was driven home for me during the last few events. The Steak Fry at the Schlotts was (despite the weather) another big success, and hopefully Abe and Kelly are willing to make this an annual event. The steaks were delicious and the company was, as usual, lots of fun. I heard stories about the Sandhills road race, about a certain Club member racing a bus down in Hastings, and plenty of other engaging, humorous tales that didn't involve stock portfolios or trips to private islands.

The *Senna* movie viewing was also a fun event. I had never been to Film Streams before – if they are playing a movie you might be interested in, I would highly recommend

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Road Trip to Colorado by Ardey Clark

Over Labor Day, Joann and I went to Estes Park, Colorado. We drove the Porsche out. Let's just say that Colorado highways and Porsches go together like a hand in a glove.

We drove over Trailridge road and straightened out some of the hairpin curves.

The weather was perfect and we had a great time. I suggest if you have never been over Trailridge Road (Highway 36 out of Estes Park) or if it has been a while since you have driven it in a Porsche take my advice: it is well worth it.



Colorado's Highway 36 is one of the great Porsche roads in America.



Ardey and Joann Clark took their Boxster to Colorado for some sight seeing and fabulous driving. Do you have a favorite road trip to tell us about? Send your story and pictures to s.eckhart@cox.net for inclusion in a future issue of Der Skooner.

Zone 10 October/November Events

October

- 15 Ozark Lakes Region Flaming Fall
- 16 Kansas City Region Oktoberfest Car Show
- 22 St. Louis Region Fall Color Tour to Hermann
- 23 Wichita Region Autocross at Road Yoder

November

- 5 Wichita Region First Council Casino Back Road Run
- 11-13 Ozark Lakes Region PCA Palooza in Eureka Springs
- 12 St. Louis Region and Parktown Imports Present Ross Bentley's Inner Speed Secrets
- 19 Dakotas Region German Dinner in Canton, SD

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

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2012 Board Ballot

President - Steve Wilwerding

Social - Ardey Clark

Secretary - Abe Schlott

Treasurer - Steve Gallagher

Newsletter - Steve Eckhart

Safety - Sally Knapp

Membership - Sandy Bruso

Please cast your ballot for the 2012 Great Plains Region board of directors. The members listed above have agreed to run for the indicated positions. You may vote for the full slate by simply returning the ballot by mail to Steve Eckhart, 16024 Arbor St, Omaha, NE or by sending an email to s.eckhart@cox.net. You may also write in a candidate for any of the positions. Write-in candidates must be members in good standing of the Porsche Club of America and the Great Plains Region. All ballots cast by email or U.S. mail must be received by December 1, 2011.

Upcoming Events

2011 GPR Events

Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....Canceled

Indian Cave Fun RunOctober 23

Harley Davidson Factory Tour in Kansas CityCanceled

Pre-holiday Get Together at BrixDecember (TBD)

Holiday PartyJanuary

2012 GPR Events

Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....May 5-6

Carrera GT at Motorsports Park HastingsJune 1-3

Watch your email for additional events that may come up after we went to press.

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Great Plains Poker Run *by Ardey Clark*



The Porsche poker players gather for the start of the 2011 Great Plains Poker Run in Omaha.

The Great Plains Poker Run was held Saturday, September 24. We left from the Walmart parking lot on 168th and Maple. We ended up with nine cars. We would have had 10, but Gary Quast's 911 would not fire after he drove to the meeting place.

For those that have never been on a Poker Run, you have five stops. At each stop you pick a card. At the end of the day, the player with the best poker hand wins. We had a prize for the best hand and the worst hand. First place was a

\$75.00 gift certificate to Johnny's Italian Steak House and the worst hand was a \$25.00 gift certificate to Fatburger. First place went to Jeri Bierbower and worst hand went to her husband Bob Bierbower. Jeri claims she has never been on a poker run. However, she was the clear winner with three kings.

The drive was 125 miles of some beautiful Nebraska back roads. The first stop was at the Outer Limits Bar in Valley. The second stop was The Bottom Road Lounge in Morse Bluff.

Next was the cleverly named Bruno Lounge in Bruno. Fourth was Ryan's Road House in David City. (Bob made me go to David City so he could stop by his office and pick up some paper work - just kidding).

The last stop was the Sand Bar at Branch Oak Lake (check out the sunset picture). The weather was perfect and a good time (or so I was told) was had by all. We had some good laughs, some refreshments, some good food, great conversation, and some good

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Attitude weighs nothing. So we piled it on.

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2009 Audi S5 Coupe

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2007 Porsche 911 Turbo

#A2794. Cobalt blue, 16K miles,
6 speed, 0-60mph in 3.7 seconds! Must see!

2007 BMW 335i Coupe

#A2798. Black/cognac, 18K miles,
6 speed. \$29,995

2008 BMW 535Xi

#A2799. Black/black, loaded,
All Wheel Drive. \$29,995

Pre-owned:

2009 Acura MDX

#S110141A. Grey/black, Technology pkg,
loaded, 1 owner, local trade. \$38,995

2008 Audi Q7

#T114390A. Black metallic/saddle leather,
navigation, 36K miles. \$39,995

2010 BMW M3 Convertible

#S120003G. White/red leather, hard-top
convertible, 8K, automatic, 1 owner. \$69,995

2011 Lexus RX 350

#A2745. Black, premium pkg, 9K miles,
1 owner, local trade. \$46,995

2009 Mercedes Benz ML350

#T113567A. Black, 33K miles,
nice. \$38,995

2010 Mercedes Benz GLK350

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

2010 Porsche Boxster S

#C2000. GT Silver, 6 speed manual,
loaded, 1630 miles. Must see!

2006 Porsche Boxster Tiptronic

#A2616. Black/black leather,
22K miles, pristine. \$32,995

2003 Porsche Carrera Cabriolet

#C-V01. Silver/graphite, 6 spd, convertible
911, 41K, excellent condition. \$36,995

1993 Porsche Carrera 4 Coupe

#S110139C. All Wheel Drive, 6 speed,
the quintessential 911 coupe, great value. \$21,995

2010 Porsche Cayenne S

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

2008 Porsche Cayenne Tiptronic

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

2006 Porsche Cayenne Tiptronic

#S110127B. White/havanna, 1 owner,
loaded, must see! \$29,995

2010 Porsche Panamera 4S

#S120003A. Dark blue metallic, 2K, 1 owner,
local trade, Burmester, loaded. \$98,950

2007 Porsche 911 Turbo

#A2794. 6 speed, cobalt blue,
16K miles, 1 owner.



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Poker Run (cont.)

roads to drive on.

Thank you to all that turned out. We will do some more next year.



Others enjoyed the beautiful day on their vehicles. GPR members enjoyed refreshments at each of the five stops.



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Perfect end to a perfect Porsche day. This photo is worth seeing in color. Check it out online at gpl.pca.org/skooner and look for the October 2010 issue.

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Indian Cave Fun Run *by Ardey Clark*

Join us on Sunday, October 23rd, for a fun run to Indian Cave!

We will meet at 9:00 am for breakfast at D & K's Cafe located at 104 Glenmore Drive in Gretna. (Please note: D&K's doesn't accept checks or credit cards so bring cash!)

After breakfast, we will leave around 10:00 am to drive to Indian Cave Park, enjoying the fall colors along the way. Please show up with a full tank of fuel.

If you are meeting for breakfast, please RSVP to Ardey Clark at jlark70@cox.net



by October 20th so we make sure they have room for all of us.

This will be the last fun run of the season so make sure you join us!

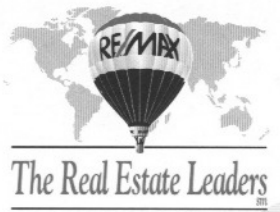
Inside Track (cont.)

making the trip. Being a cinephile myself, I saw at least three movies advertised in the theater that I would love to attend when they premiere in the coming months. It seemed to me that everyone enjoyed the Senna movie – Denny Strauss had been an F1 fan back when Senna was driving, and he mentioned that the portrayal of Senna in the media at the time

was far different than the Senna presented in the movie.

Now that my car is back in one piece, and we have the weather that we have been waiting for all year, I've been doing plenty of top down driving, as I try to enjoy the warm weather that I know will not last. 2012 planning is already underway, and you'll notice that the 2012 Board

ballots are in this issue. Even though all of the positions are uncontested, I encourage you to vote – we will see if we can somehow do ballots over email to make it a little easier. We already have a few events on the 2012 calendar, including the Holiday Party in January, so keep your GPR calendars handy.



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The GPR/PCA Board met Tuesday, September 6, at Tom Cooper's house. Members present: Steve Wilwerding, Tom Cooper, Steve Eckhart, Eric Elliott, JR Sanders, Sally Knapp, and Sandy Bruso.

President: The latest MAM update is that they are still under water - they are hoping to be dry and back to repairs before winter. Steve discussed the 2011 Board, and that the position of Club Race Chair is still open, if a member is interested.

Social: The Harley tour was cancelled, and the Lauritzen Show was postponed. Discussion was held about planning our 45th Anniversary Party next year.

Secretary: The minutes from the August meeting were approved via email.

Registrar: Track events for next year are May 5-6 at MPH, and the weekend of June 1-3 for the Club Race/DE.

Chief Driving Instructor: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Steve was not in attendance, but will update folks on the Treasurer's report.

Membership: No update - Sandy Bruso has agreed to run for Membership Chair in 2012.

Safety: No update - Sally Knapp has agreed to run for Safety Chair in 2012.

Newsletter: Steve has collected information for upcoming events.

Website: Eric will update the website with new event information.

Past President: Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Wilwerding



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