



# ***Der Skooner***

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## ***Fun Run To The Haus Barn*** by Ardey Clark



*Fourteen Porsches made the trip to Manning, Iowa in October to visit the Haus Barn.*

Well, for those of you that did not attend, you missed a great day to blow the dust off the Porsches. We took the scenic route to Manning, Iowa through some nice twisties and long straight away.s Steve Gallagher really blew the dust off his GT3 Turbo. It was fun just watching him vanish over the next hill several miles away before I could say, "Holy c#&p! what was that?"

When we arrived we had a great lunch prepared by some ladies from the local Lutheran Church including home made spice cake, homemade salads, and sandwiches.



After lunch we had a guided tour of the three buildings located on what is called the German Heritage Park. The first building was a 94 year old Church that was moved nine miles from its

original building site to its present location. They moved the entire church including a 97' steeple while it was attached. The church arrived with not one cracked or broken stained glass window. We

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# From the Prez

By Jon Theobald



When a person first joins the Great Plains Region Porsche Club, all they know is they love their car, they love Porsches, and maybe they want to meet other folks like themselves. The car is the common bond and like any other "club" you get out of it what you put into it. Those that become active in the club quickly learn that the relationships formed with other members are what becomes the best part of being involved in the club and the car becomes a close secondary thread bonding the friendships. Many of the most enthusiastic members of the GPR have made lifelong friends through the club, including myself.

I'd sincerely like to thank all of the Board members that have served over the past three years. I have been very fortunate to have some hard-working, creative, and talented people to work with. Always be sure to thank the Board members when you see them because they deserve the credit

for making things happen.

I'd also like to thank all of the incredible sponsors who have advertised in *Der Skooner* and at our DE's and Club Race.

Also, I can't say enough positive things about Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha. Mitch Schneringer and his team have been the most supportive sponsor both in terms of financial support and level of involvement that we could possibly ask for. Thank you, Mitch, for all of your wonderful support. You guys do an amazing job with the dealership!

As we transition into next year, the ballots for the 2011 GPR Board positions will be included in this month's combined November/December edition. Please select candidates if you support them for their suggested position and mail in the ballot. Make sure to welcome the new members of the Board! I'm probably putting the cart before the horse a bit since the ballots are not counted but I'm confident that

Steve Wilwerding will be voted as our next President. Steve has been an active member of the club for several years as well as a Board member serving as Newsletter Editor, Website, and most recently Social chair. The club is in great hands. Steve, you will do a great job!

Lastly, I'd like to express a big "Thanks" to all of the club members for making this a memorable chapter in GPR history. You've made this organization one of the finest in the country, and I'm looking forward to some more wonderful times!



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# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



Well, at least I got a year off. After being newsletter editor for 5 years, and writing 60 monthly columns in *Der Skooner*, I was able to take a writing break in 2010. However, now that I have been nominated as the 2011 President, it appears that I am back on column duty.

Taking over for Jon Theobald will be no easy task - he has done a marvelous job as President these last few years. We have had a number of memorable events, a lot of track time, the return of the Club Race, and a return to a healthy financial situation for the Club, all of which Jon had a large hand in. In fact, looking back over the last two years, I cannot remember a social or track event that Jon was not personally involved with, whether it was planning, drumming up attendance, etc. At my very best, I can only hope to match his achievements.

As Jon retires from his post, we also have a few other people leaving the Board. John Krecek has served as Past President the last two years, and his counsel for the Board has been much appreciated. He will remain as Chief Driving Instructor and will continue helping with the Club Race, so we will luckily not lose him completely. Jim Avilla will be retiring from the Treasurer post, and he will be missed. Unfortunately, if you have not attended a Board meeting, you have not seen the professional

reports that Jim prepares, which include monetary breakdowns of every event that we have. Thanks to Jim, we know, to the penny, whether an event made or lost money, and what the current state of the Club's finances are. Jim's reports and counsel have been invaluable to the Board.

As we have people leaving, so we luckily have two people joining the Board. Steve Gallagher will assume Jim Avilla's place as Treasurer, and I know he will do great in that position and continue to ensure that it has a strong place on the Board. Ardey Clark will be taking my place as Social Chair, and there is no doubt in my mind that he will elevate the position far above my role. Ardey has already put on a number of memorable events, and I look forward to his ideas and events in 2011.

Luckily for me (and for the Club), a number of experienced Board members will be staying for 2011. Tom Cooper will continue as both Membership Chair and Registrar, so I can sleep easily knowing that those positions are filled by a man eminently qualified for the posts. JR Sanders will remain on as Safety Chair, Steve Eckhart will continue doing a great job with *Der Skooner*, Eric Elliott will retain his position as webmaster, and Abe Schlott will remain as Secretary. Jon Theobald will become Past President, and his continued advice and counsel

will be much appreciated. A big thanks to these Board members who have agreed to continue volunteering in their positions in 2011 - they make my job as President enormously easier.

As we end 2010 and begin to plan for 2011, I ask the members reading this column for three favors. The first is that you consider donating a little of your time for our events. Perhaps, at the next DE, you could come an hour early and help Tom with registration, or offer to help check people in at the Holiday Party, or help Ardey out and host an event. Even if you just have an hour, your help would be greatly appreciated. Second, I ask that you give a big "thank you" to Board members that you see at events - a lot of work goes into having the many events that we host every year, and it is due almost entirely to the Board's work behind the scenes. Third, I ask for your suggestions and feedback - being on the Board is an insulating experience, so if you have ideas for new events or how we can improve existing ones, feel free to call or email me at any time.

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Holiday Party on January 22 - it is an annual event that you don't want to miss. Have a happy holiday season, and I look forward to having a great 2011 with the Great Plains Region!

# Come Eat With Us

Join us for good food and good times at the last two club events of 2010.

First up is a dinner at Ryan's Bistro on November 13 at 6:30 PM. Ryan's Bistro is located at 17607 Gold Plaza in Omaha.. We will order from a limited menu of:

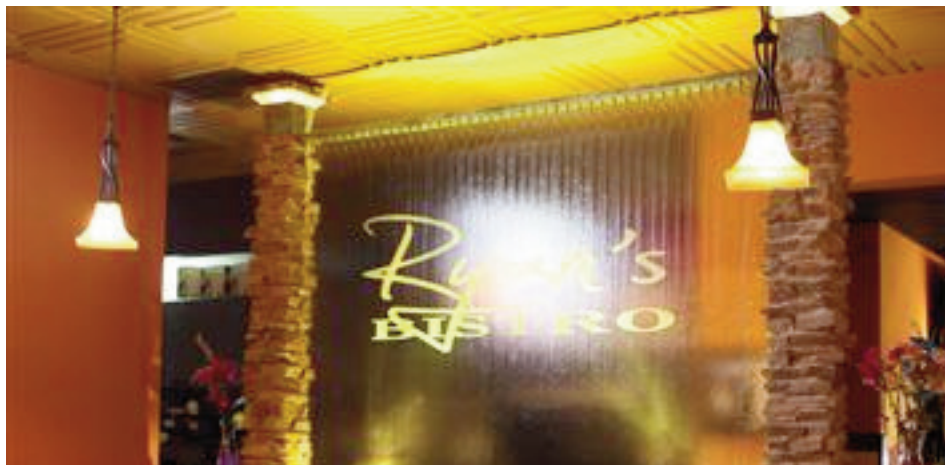
Appetizers: Spinach Artichoke Dip, Peanut Butter and Bacon Toasts

Salads: Choice of house or Caesar salad

Dinner: Filet Mignon, Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Picatta

The restaurant has a cash bar, and everyone pays for their own meal.

We only have the



reservation for 25 people, so if you are planning to attend, RSVP to [steve.wilwerding@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wilwerding@gmail.com) or 402-319-8623.

Slightly less formal, but just as good, will be a club breakfast at D&K Gretna Cafe on Saturday, December 4, at 8:30 AM. The cafe is located at

104 Glenmore Drive in Gretna. We will order off the menu.

Please note that D&K Gretna Cafe is a cash-only establishment, so please come prepared.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

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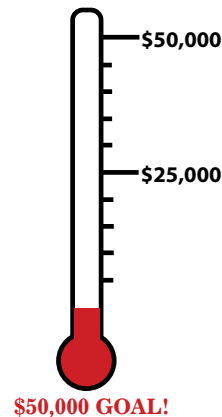
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# Upcoming Events

## 2010 GPR Events

Group Dinner at Ryan's Bistro.....November 13

Group Breakfast at D&K Gretna Cafe.....December 4

## 2011 GPR Events

Holiday Party .....January 22

Out of the Corkscrew .....February TBD

Carrera GT at MPH.....June 3-5



Dear GPR Members,

I would like to invite you and your family to attend an Omaha tradition, the 2010 Westside Church Christmas Pageant. Each year, nearly 20,000 people attend the presentations. While the event is free, you do need to have a ticket. Tickets are available at [www.westsideomaha.org](http://www.westsideomaha.org). There are presentations at 7:00 in the evening on December 10-12 and 16-19. There are also matinee presentations on the weekends at 3:00.

If you are able to attend, please stop by and see me in the orchestra pit and say hello. I'll be playing the tuba and bass trombone. You might even catch me on stage this year in a special number.

Steve Eckhart, Editor, *Der Skooner*

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# Adventures in Deutschland

Earlier this year, Sandy Steckman and his brother took a trip to Germany. On October 15, Sandy regaled 57 GPR members with an excellent slide show of his adventures at Pasta Amore in Omaha.

Following a fabulous meal of filet mignon, seafood trio, or chicken parmigiana, we enjoyed wonderful desserts including cannolis. Then, Sandy worked out a few technical details and began the slide show.

The Steckmans enjoyed time on the famous Nurburgring. "I was passing no one, and being passed by



*More than 50 club members turned out to hear Sandy Steckman's presentation.*

everyone," quipped Sandy.

Following their adventures in driving the Nurburgring

themselves, they had the opportunity to watch a race on the track. Sandy was pleased to see Porsches perform very well

without the handicaps imposed by the American Lemans and Grand Am series in the United States.

Later, they had an opportunity to visit the new Porsche and Mercedes museums in Stuttgart. Sandy's impression of the museum was that the Porsche museum was much more approachable, allowing you to get very close to the cars.

Finally, Sandy talked about his experiences driving on the autobahn. He also shared his favorable impressions of the German people, food, and culture.

All in all, we had a great time sharing fabulous food and Sandy's adventures.

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- Mitch Schneringer / Porsche General Manager

## Vehicle Specifications

- 3.0 liter, 6 cylinder 90° V-engine
- Supercharged
- 333 horsepower @ 5500 - 6500 rpm
- 325 lb-ft of torque @ 3000 - 5250 rpm

## Electric Motor

- Synchronous electric machine
- 47 horsepower @ 1150 rpm
- 221 lb-ft of torque @ 1150 rpm

## Motor

- 380 maximum horsepower @ 5500 rpm (in combination with electric motor)
- 428 maximum lb-ft of torque @ 1000 rpm (in combination with electric motor)
- Fuel Economy: 21 City/25 Hwy/23 Combined

## Additional Information

- Curb weight: 4,938 lbs.
- Only 388 lbs heavier than 2011 Porsche Cayenne S
- 0 - 60 mph in 6.1 seconds (0.3 sec. faster than MY10 Cayenne S)
- 150 mph top speed
- 7,716 lbs towing capacity
- \$67,700 MSRP (\$4,000 more than Cayenne S)



**"The new Cayenne S Hybrid is not your average hybrid vehicle! It takes you into a whole new dimension of using green technology, but still Porsche remains true to its roots. Don't be fooled by the badge... the Cayenne S Hybrid is a perfect mixture of performance and technological mastery. Well done Porsche!"**

- Adam Brooks / Porsche Sales Consultant



**"The new Cayenne Hybrid seamlessly integrates the all new supercharged V6 with its accompanying electric motor to create a fuel efficient vehicle capable of performance matched to the Cayenne V8's."**

- Nic Meyer / Porsche Service Technician



**"Cayenne Hybrid is for the green conscious with a bit of a lead foot! It's amazing, the acceleration and torque that the hybrid has. The Clark Kent of the Porsche brand! Quiet and classic at slow speeds, but put your foot down and you'll be going faster than a speeding bullet!"**

- Brian Weisenberg / Porsche Sales Consultant



**"This new hybrid has the spirit and performance of an S with the fuel economy of a 6 cylinder. I was blown away with how smooth the full-parallel hybrid drive behaves in all driving conditions; if you took the badge off you'd never guess. It was also refreshing to see how everything compares to the competition. Again, Porsche comes out on top. Being only \$4K more than an S, it seems to be an easy proposition."**

- Jason Bien / Porsche Service Manager

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# ***Fun Run to the Hausbarn (cont.)***

watch a brief video of the process which was very worthwhile.

Then we toured the Haus Barn which was built in 1660 in Offenseth Schleswig-Holstein, Germany donated to the town of Manning, disassembled and moved. In 1996, skilled German craftsman came over to help assemble the building and in August, 2000 it was dedicated. The Haus Barn was a building where people and livestock lived together. To me, it was very interesting to see how it was built. The thatched roof was built from reeds shipped over from the Baltic Sea.

The third building was a farmstead of Frederick Hassler which was built in 1915. Mr. Hassler had a hog operation and was known throughout the country for his Poland China Hogs. In 1920 his prize-winning boar sold for \$20,000. He also was a car nut and owned a Spanish race car and two Stutz Bearcats. In 1915 he had one of the only rural houses in the area with electricity and running water including a bathroom upstairs. I could write volumes on each building. I recommend if you



*GPR members posed in front of the Hausbarn following their informative tour.*



*German excellence old and new in Manning, Iowa.*

want to have a nice drive and see something that is very interesting you take a drive to Manning, Iowa. You will not be disappointed. The website is [www.germanhausbarn.com](http://www.germanhausbarn.com) for more information.

After the tour we posed for a group photo of people and cars we had a total of 14 cars and 20 members. A good time was had by all.



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# ***More Pictures from Hausbarn and Adventures in Deutschland***



*Old and new Porsches at the Nurburgring.*



*Enjoying a meal together at the Hausbarn.*



*917s on display at the Porsche Museum in Stuttgart.*



*The Hausbarn was first erected in 1660 in Germany and then meticulously moved to Iowa in 1999.*



*The Sabine Schwarz GT3R loading in the paddock at the Nurburgring.*



*\A 935 in the famous Martini Racing colors.*



# 2011 GPR Board Ballot

The following club members have volunteered to serve on the board of directors of the Great Plains Region of the Porsche Club of America in 2011. To vote for another member, please cross out the candidate you do not wish to vote for and print the name of the member you would like to serve in the position. Please send your ballot postmarked by December 1 to:

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**Great Plains Region Porsche Club****Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Board Meeting**

Attending were board members Jon **Theobald**, JR **Sanders**, Jim **Avilla**, Steve **Wilwerding**, Tom **Cooper**, and Steve Eckhart. Also present were Eric **Elliott** and Past President John **Krecek**.

**Social:** Discussed Ardey Clark Fun Run, 1 day DE, Steckman party at Pasta Amore, and Boo Bash in October. January 22 is the date for the holiday party.

**Secretary:** Approved minutes of last meeting.

**President:** Discussed 1-day DE on 10/9. We are ready.

**Registrar:** Discussed registration procedures for upcoming DE as well as how to increase participation at next year's events.

**Treasurer:** Reviewed September financials.

**Club Race Chair:** The club race will be June 3-5.

**Membership:** Reviewed membership totals and new recent members.

**Safety:** No safety issues to report. Winter review of safety rules are upcoming. Ordered insurance for October 9<sup>th</sup> DE.

**Newsletter:** Newsletter will be out next week. No newsletter in December or February.

**Website:** Newsletter posted online. Up to date except for newest events. Will set up a Facebook page.

**Past President and Chief Driving Instructor:** Ready for DE.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Eckhart

***Please note that there will be  
no Der Skooner in December.***



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