



# ***Der Skooner***

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## ***Holiday Party***



*GPR President Steve Wilwerding presents the Enthusiast of the Year Award to Joann and Tom Lutcavish at the Holiday Party.*

On January 21, approximately 70 Great Plains Region members joined together at Oak Hills Country Club for the annual Holiday Party. In addition to good company and wonderful food, we handed out the annual awards for 2011. This year, the weather cooperated and the club didn't have a fire.

Sandy Steckman took home the "coveted" Dumkopf

Award. Let's just say Sandy did some less than stellar driving at a local track.

Bob Lynch was the Most Improved Driver for 2011. Chief Driving Instructor John Krecek spelled out Bob's notable improvements at the track as he cut considerable time from his laps.

Finally, we named Joann and Tom Lutcavish the Enthusiasts of the Year. The

Lutcavishes participated in multiple events. They personify the best in expressing appreciation for Porsche and what we mean when we say, "It's not just the cars, it's the people."

Finally, Steve Wilwerding handed out a number of door prizes and the prizes from the club raffle.

# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



With the impending warm weather, I am pleased to announce that the 2012 calendar is filling out nicely.

First, however, I would like to thank everyone who attended our last couple of events. The 2012 Holiday Party was a smashing success – the weather cooperated this year (no snow), the venue was perfect this year (no fire), and we had around 70 GPR members join us for a wonderful night of awards, food, prizes, and camaraderie. As I said in my pre-award talk, it is an honor being your President, and seeing so many people having fun at an event.

The Annual Bella Vita event also was a success, despite having to push the event back a week because of snow (one of the only major snows all winter!) We had around 20 members of the GPR and a visitor from the Texas Region join us for what was one of the best meals I've had in a long time. Thanks to the enthusiasm for the event this year, I think we will include it

on the calendar again next year.

Now, to the upcoming events in March. We will be having breakfast at the Farmhouse Cafe (84th and Grover) on Saturday, March 10, at 8:30 in the morning – please RSVP to me by March 7. We will also be having a club dinner at Upstream Brewing Company (170th and Center) on Saturday, March 24 – again, please RSVP to me by March 21.

We have also gotten our track events scheduled for the year. The first DE will be April 28-29 at Mid America Motorplex (MAM), then we will have the DE/Club Race June 1-3 at Motorsports Park Hastings, then back to MAM for a one-day DE on Sunday, September 16. I was told not to schedule a DE during a Husker game in the fall, so we will try the one-day Sunday DE. We will have novice training at the April DE, and, if we have the need, an abbreviated version in September. I have been told that there will not be a Woodhouse Driving Event this

fall, so if you want to get your late summer/early fall driving in, please plan to join us for the September DE.

Thanks to the work of our members, we have more summer events to announce. Russ Standage will be putting together a Gymkhana at Woodhouse on Saturday, May 12. Ken Kusik has again volunteered to host three Sonic events this summer – May 5, June 23, and August 18. There is also talk of a joint VW/Audi/Porsche car show in Lincoln in late August. Additionally, there are two car shows in the summer – the Ashland Car Show will be July 29, and the Annual All-Euro Car Show will be in early September – we are still working out the details with Lauritzen Gardens as to the exact date. Finally, Sally Knapp has been working diligently on our 45th Anniversary Celebration, and it is tentatively penciled in for late September.

Finally, I am sorry to announce that Ardey Clark has

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# Open Letter to Zone 10

Greetings from your new Zone 10 Rep!

I would like to introduce myself and give everyone a brief glimpse of my background. My husband, Keith, and I joined PCA in 2004 after we bought our first Porsche, a 2004 Cayenne S. We attended our first Drivers Training and Drivers Ed (DE) in the spring of 2004 with the Cayenne. That was all it took for us to decide that we "needed" a Porsche for the track. We quickly found a 1995 993 C2.

After doing a few DE's and social events we decided to become more involved in the club. I took over the Social Chair in 2004 and since then have held several positions within Nord Stern. These positions have included DE Registrar (with Keith) and Club Race Registrar for several years,

Vice President of Nord Stern in 2009, and Region President in 2010.

Over the years we have attended many DE and Club Race events in our Zone. This has made it possible for me to meet many folks from the various regions within our zone. Each year I look forward to spring because we will be going to Heartland Park for the DE/Club Race. I can then catch up with everyone after the long winter!

Keith and I joined the Club Racing "family" in 2010 when he began racing a Spec Boxster. The Cayenne and open trailer (with the longest ramps at the track!) which used to transport the 993 to DEs has now transformed into an enclosed trailer and a diesel truck for a tow vehicle. The Cayenne is still driven daily and has 192,000 miles on it!

We live in a suburb west of Minneapolis. I work three days a week at Ameriprise Financial and just completed my 28th year. I do project work and provide Business Continuity solutions for the Investment Department at Ameriprise. We have two grown kids (22 and 24 years old) and a very special Golden Retriever, KC, whom many of you have met at the track.

I am very excited to take on my new responsibilities as Zone 10 Representative and look forward to meeting members of all the Zone 10 Regions. Please feel free to contact me at Doug's old email address: Zone10rep@gmail.com or my cell phone which is (612) 275-4891.

Kim Fritze  
Zone 10 Representative

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# Zone 10 March/April Events

## MARCH

- 10 DE Tech and Dyno Day .....St. Louis  
 18 Tour of Armacost Museum .....Kansas City  
 31 Teen Driving School, Audi Club .....St. Louis  
 31 Open house at the Wayman's .....Kansas City

## APRIL

- 1 Ladies Autocross, Ameristar Casino .....Kansas City  
 7 Swap Meet at Carousel Porsche.....Nord Stern  
 8 Wine Tasting, Independence, MO.....Kansas City  
 13-15 PCA Club Race and DE, Heartland Park, Topeka.....Kansas City  
 20-22 Parktown Carrera Classic, Gateway Motorsports Park.....St. Louis  
 28 Spring Run South - Cape Girardeau event.....St. Louis

For detailed information about listed events, see the respective Region's website or the PCA National site at [www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org).

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Dues for the 2012 calendar year are due this month. The dues are only \$20 a year. Please complete the form above and mail with your check made out to GPR/PCA to:

**Great Plains Region, PCA c/o Sandy Bruso**

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# Upcoming Events

- Breakfast at Farmhouse .....March 10
- Dinner at Upstream Brewing Company.....March 24
- Drivers Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....April 28-29
- Gymkhana at Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha .....May 12
- Carrera GT at Motorsports Park Hastings.....June 1-3

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



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# ***Dinner at Bella Vita***



*GPR members enjoyed a delicious Italian meal at Bella Vita in Elkhorn in February.*

On February 4, 20 club members met at Bella Vita for dinner. Bella Vita is located in Elkhorn and provided a welcoming environment.

In particular, the restaurant has remodeled the party room upstairs since our dinner last year. With the more open architecture, club members enjoyed cocktail hour.

We started dinner with an excellent salad. Then, Steve Wilwerding had arranged for an all-you-can-eat pasta bar. With two kinds of pasta, three delicious sauces, and a choice of chicken or Italian sausage, there was something for everyone...and everything for some!

Dinner

conversation

ranged from the morning's introduction of the new 911 to ballroom dancing. So, we can once again say that it's not just the cars but the people who love to drive them.

Be sure to join us next year as we continue a fun and appetizing event.



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# More Award Winners



*Bob Lynch is pleased to receive the Most Improved Driver Award from John Krecek. Sandy Steckman accepted the Dumkopf Award with the good humor of all of the award "winners".*



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# March Dining Events

The GPR will gather twice in the month of March to share a meal.

First up is a breakfast at the Farmhouse Cafe and Bakery on March 10. We will meet at 8:30 am. The Farmhouse is located at 3461 S. 84th Street in Omaha, just three blocks north of I-80. You don't want to miss the enormous cinnamon rolls.

Then, we'll meet at the Upstream Brewing Company on March 24 at 7:00 pm. Upstream is at 17070 Wright Plaza in Omaha just off West Center Road.

For both events, RSVP to Steve Wilwerding at [steve.wilwerding@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wilwerding@gmail.com) or (402) 319-8623.



Bob Lynch shared this photo of Sandy Steckman and Jim Avila installing a harmonic pulley on a 964. It needed to be torqued to 174 ft. lbs. You'll want to see this photo on the GPR web page to see Sandy's red face and Jim's muscles.

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# Get Ready, Gymkhana Returns

On May 12, the GPR will hold a Gymkhana at Woodhouse Porsche of Omaha.

What is a gymkhana, you ask? Basically, it is a chance to drive your car on a closed course to demonstrate your exceptional driving abilities. The course will be laid out with cones. The objective is to drive through the course in as little time as possible.

The course organizers may add a wrinkle or two to keep things interesting.

Come on out, put down your best time, and enjoy the camaraderie as we share good times in great cars with better people.



## Inside Track (cont.)

resigned from the position of Social Chair due to other obligations. As you can see, a number of members have already stepped up to host events this year, and we welcome more, but if you would be willing to help in a more formal context, I would love to fill the Social Chair

position for the remainder of the year. If you would be interested, please let me know.

It promises to be another exciting year in the GPR, and I hope to see you at as many events as possible. As always, if you have ideas for new events or just feedback in general, shoot me an email – I love to

hear from members about how we can make your membership in the Club more enjoyable.



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## **Minutes of the January 10, 2012 Board Meeting**

Attending were board members Tom Cooper, Steve Wilwerding, Steve Gallagher, Steve Eckhart, Sally Knapp, Sandy Bruso, and Abe Schlott. Also present was Eric Elliott.

Social: No report.

Secretary: Approve minutes from December meeting.

President: Discussed 2011 awards and January 21 Holiday Party at Oak Hills

DE 4/29-30 at MAM

Club Race 6/1-3 at MPH

Bella Vita dinner Feb 4<sup>th</sup> will be next social event

Registrar: No report.

Treasurer: Steve Gallagher reviewed financials.

Club Race Chair: No Report.

Membership: No Update; no new members. Currently we have 220 National members and 180 Affiliate members.

Safety: No report

Newsletter: At printer.

Website: Up to date

Past President and Chief Driving Instructor: No report

Respectfully submitted by Abe Schlott



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