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## ***Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite*** by Ken Kusik



Eric Elliot

They came from Fremont, Seward, Fairbury, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Beatrice and Lincoln. And, they certainly did not go home disappointed. They were the enthusiasts gathered to celebrate the automobile and were part of a

club record group for the 18th season opener of Show N' Shine Cruise Nites.

That crowd was over 115 automobiles strong and stretched almost two blocks in two rows. You never know what great automobiles will

show up from nite to nite. Every car there was special, but there are always the rare and unusual. This nite was no exception with a Ferrari California Spider, a Lotus Esprit Turbo, two 356 Speedsters, a Maserati

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# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



School is out, and summer is here (though it seems like we started summer back in March), and with it, lots of fun Porsche Club events and announcements.

First, if you missed the Gymkhana at Woodhouse, you missed a really fun event. This year was my first Gymkhana, and it was a blast. I couldn't quite unseat John Krecek, who kept his unbeaten record intact, but it didn't matter – everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Big thanks to the Standages, Eric Elliott, Sally Knapp, and Sandy Bruso for setting up and running the event, and to Woodhouse for hosting the event. John Krecek challenged Tow Mater for the title of World's Best Backwards Driver by negotiating the entire course in reverse with a very competitive time. If Russ is willing to put it on again next year, definitely plan to attend.

Second, we have had another generous response from our members for Club sponsorship this year. Because

of their generosity, we will be able to continue to host Club Race, have a blowout 45th Anniversary party in the fall, and finance our summer and fall events, like a picnic hosted by Tom Cooper, the late summer steak fry, and many more exciting events. Please check out the full list of sponsors on the back of this newsletter, and if you see any of them at an upcoming event, thank them for their support of the Club.

Third, I am pleased to announce that Brian Tessman has agreed to serve as Social Chair for the rest of the year. He is already working on some exciting events, so stay tuned to the newsletter and website.

Fourth, Club members Bob Lynch, Denny Strauss, Sandy Steckman, and Jim Avilla have banded together to host the "GPR Solstice Soiree" - Denny Strauss will be leading a fun run, then it's back to Bob Lynch's Ponca Hills home for dinner and a band. There are full details in this newsletter,

but it is already being billed as the "must attend" event of the year, so make sure to get your RSVPs in early.

Finally, we have a lot of other exciting events coming up the following weeks – as I write this, we are one week away from Club Race, and I know that thanks to the hard work of our volunteers (most especially Tom Cooper, without whom there would be no Club Race) it will be another successful and fun event. I also wanted to thank the Tessmans for again hosting our Club Race party on Saturday night. After Club Race, we've got Sonic nights in Lincoln, car shows in Ashland and at Lauritzen Gardens, and another DE in the fall, in addition to the picnic and steak fry mentioned above.

Summer's here, so it's time to get out and join your Porsche friends at an upcoming event – hope to see you there!

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# Loess Hills Fun Run *by Linda Shields*

Plans are shaping up for the Dakota Region's 2012 Loess Hill Drive June 8-10, 2012.

In addition to our drive there is an Arts Festival near the Old Market in Omaha that weekend.

We are hoping to explore a bit more of the southern Iowa side of the Loess Hills barring road closures and floods this year.

The Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Downtown/Old Market is holding 10 rooms for June 8 and 9. The rate is \$116 and there is covered parking for \$10 a day. The block will be held until 5/18/2012 and then released.

We will meet at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Old Market for breakfast Saturday morning and head out about 10am from there.

You can call Jackie Wampler at the Hilton (402) 341-4400 Extension 5108 to



make a reservation (Mon-Fri 9-5) or call the reservation desk at (402) 341-4400.

The block is reserved under Porsche Drive.

We are planning on a group dinner on Saturday and maybe on Friday. Those

arrangements are not complete yet.

Please let Dave and Linda Shields know if you want to go on this trip so we can get the details to you. You can contact the Shields at (605) 334-5158 or [lindapshields@yahoo.com](mailto:lindapshields@yahoo.com).

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# ***Zone 10 April/May Events***

- 4 Red River Region AutoSlalom at Springs Church
- 4 Red River Region Dinner Cruise to Half Moon
- 8-10 Dakotas Region Loess Hills Fun Run
- 9 Joint BBQ Lunch with Mercedes Benz Club Hosted by LuJack's
- 9 St. Louis Region Road Tour to Clarksville, MO
- 10 GoKarts at 61 Kartway Delmar, IA. Great Sunday Brunch at Decker House in Maquoketa, IA
- 10 Wichita Region Autocross at Road Yoder
- 23 Indy Cars & Porsche Park at Newton, IA with Schonesland Region
- 23 St. Louis Region Tour of Hunter Auto Collection
- 24 Nordstern Autocross at Dakota County Vo-Tech
- 24 Nordstern All Porsche Show and Concours in Roseville
- 30 St. Louis Region CPG Dinner at Emmet's Kitchen & Tap, Fayette, MO

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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## ***Show 'n' Shine Cruise Nite (cont.)***

Quattroporte, three VW buses, a Bentley, a new 911 GT2, a Ferrari F430, two 930 Turbos, two new 911s courtesy of Woodhouse Porsche, a Studebaker Avanti, a Ferrari 355, a BMW 2002, and an Amplicar.

Another record was set with 20 different marques being represented including: Porsche, Audi, Volkswagen, Bentley, Maserati, Opel, Jaguar, MG, Land Rover, Triumph,

Lotus, Mercedes Benz, BMW, and Amplicar.

Great people, sensational automobiles, camaraderie, enthusiasm, and half price food on a warm summer evening under the glow of neon at America's Drive-In: Sonic. Is this heaven? No, and it's not Iowa. It's Show N' Shine Cruise Nite in Lincoln, Nebraska! Be a part of the magic when we return on Saturday, June 23rd, and Saturday, August 18th.

Mark your calendar now! We'll save a spot for you.

# Upcoming Events

Carrera GT at Motorsports Park Hastings .....	June 1-3
GPR Solstice Soiree.....	June 16
Sonic Show 'n' Shine .....	June 23
GPR Family Picnic at Cooper's .....	July 14
Ashland Car Show .....	July 29
Sonic Show 'n' Shine .....	August 18
Steak Fry at Schlott's .....	August 25
Driver's Ed at Mid America Motorplex.....	September 16
45th Anniversary Party .....	September 22

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# Gymkhana!



*Volker Olbrich negotiates the autocross parking obstacle while Russ Standage watches for infractions.*

On May 12, the Great Plains Region gathered at Porsche of Omaha for a Gymkhana. Nine drivers tested their car handling skills on a course layed out by Russ Standage. Each driver had five attempts to post his best time.

On the first four runs, the course included a “back into a parking spot from a strange angle” skill. John Krecek posted the best time with the full set of skills. On the fifth run, we deleted the parking skill and Steve Wilwerding posted the best time.

Russ Standage was the referee and added time for each cone hit. A big thank you to Sandy Bruso and Sally Knapp who acted as safety spotters and assisted Russ in handing out penalties.

Afterward, we adjourned to McKenna’s Blues and



*Steve Wilwerding takes a turn in the parking skill as Russ Standage assesses penalty points.*

Barbecue to talk cars, brag about our times, and make plans for the summer.

A big thank you to Porsche of Omaha for acting as our host and to Mitch Schneringer for taking photos. To see more than we have in *Der Skooner*, check

out Porsche of Omaha’s facebook page.

If you missed this year’s event, you won’t want to miss next year. Come on out and test your skills in Porsche. There is no substitute!



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Date: Thursday, June 28  
Time: 6 - 8 PM  
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# ***GPR Solstice Soiree*** by Sandy Steckman

The must attend event of the year will be held on June 16 at the home of Bob and Carol Lynch. The GPR Solstice Soiree will have something for everyone, beginning with a Fun Fun of Porsches led by Denny Strauss through the Loess Hills of Iowa. The first 20 cars in line get to use a two-way radio to converse.

If some members or spouses elect not to attend the Fun Run, you can also choose to take a garden tour on Bob and Carol's Ponca Hills property, which is a state-registered arboretum of notable interest. A barbeque of brats and burgers will follow, and then we will top the day off with live music



*Mystic Alpaca*

on the covered deck, provided by the Neal Davis band. Another possible attraction is in the works.

The Fun Run will start from 6100 Northern Hills Drive in Omaha at 2:30, and will go till 4:30. Food will be served from 5:15 to 6:30. Live music runs from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Fun run, garden tour, food, live music, and great times with your GPR friends (adults only

please)! What more could you ask for?

Please RSVP by June 10 to [robert.lynch911@gmail.com](mailto:robert.lynch911@gmail.com). or (402) 573-1684.

Your party hosts are Sandy Steckman, Jim Avilla, and Robert Lynch at 6100 Northern Hills Drive, Omaha, NE 68152

(Times are subject to change, but if so those who RSVP will be notified)



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**Wednesday, June 6, 2012**

**6:15pm - 8:00pm**

**Porsche showroom floor**

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# ***It's Not Too Late to Join The Fun!*** by Susan Brown

The 57th annual Porsche Parade will be held July 8-14, 2012 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and there is still time to join us. Parade registration may be accessed by logging into your [pca.org](http://pca.org) account and following the links.

Salt Lake, known as the "Crossroads of the West," is a fun, family friendly city with theatre, restaurants, nightclubs, museums, and more. The weather should be hot, but dry and sunny. In other words-summer time!

In addition to all the fun you can have in the city and surrounding areas, we of course have a full week of Parade activities lined up for you. There is still room to join in any or all of the four competitive events: Concours, Autocross, TSD Rally and Tech Quiz. We have beer and wine tasting events in Hospitality, our Art show, a 5k run/walk, golf tournament, gimmick rally, banquets, RC car races and the Michelin Drive & Compare. Tech Academy will be held on Friday, with plenty of hands-on instruction about do-it-yourself maintenance. The local region, Intermountain, will round out



the week with a DE at nearby Miller Motorsports Park.

For more information about the week, go to our website: [parade2012.pca.org](http://parade2012.pca.org).

Our headquarters hotels will be the Little America and Grand America Hotels. Located in the middle of downtown, the hotels are on a light rail line, making it easy to get around the city. Little America has Salt Lake City's largest indoor/outdoor pool, and both have extensive underground parking areas. Within easy walking distance is Salt Lake City's newest mall (It just opened this March)-City Creek Center. Spread across three blocks in downtown Salt Lake

City, City Creek Center has eighty stores and restaurants either open-air or covered by a retractable roof.

About a mile from the hotel is Utah's state Capitol, where we will hold the Concours. The Capitol was built on a hill overlooking the city, and is the perfect place for you to show off your "baby". The Autocross and the Michelin Drive and Compare will be held at Maverick Center, a 10 minute drive away.

The week promises to be an exciting one. Come celebrate 57 years of club history, and your chance to experience all that Salt Lake City and Utah have to offer.



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## Minutes of the May 1, 2012 Board Meeting

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

Social: No report.

Secretary: Approve minutes from previous meeting.

President: Discussed Club Race Sponsorships. Discussed 45th Anniversary party.

Discussed upcoming events as follows:

5/5 Sonic	5/12 Gymkhana
6/1-3 Club Race @ MPH	6/23 Sonic
7/14 Picnic	7/29 Ashland Car Show
8/18 Sonic	8/25 Steak Fry
9/16 1-Day DE @ MAM	

Registrar: 39 cars Saturday, 33 cars Sunday at MAM DE. Reviewed MPH cost analysis to target break even costing.

Treasurer: No news. Summarizing financials for April DE.

Club Race Chair: 20 registered for club race as of today. Took trip to MPH to do detailed planning on club race.

Membership: 12 renewals this month for a total of 105 paid local members. One new member.

Safety: Working on insurance for remaining rolling wheel events.

Newsletter: April and May newsletters were combined. Sponsorship letters going out soon.

Website: Up to date. Adding link to DE.

Past President and Chief Driving Instructor: No report

Respectfully submitted by Abe Schlott



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