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## ***Solstice Soiree***



Michelle Avilla

*The Solstice Soiree kicked off with a fun run through the Loess Hills led by Denny Strauss.*

On June 16, Bob and Carol Lynch hosted the Great Plains Region at the first Solstice Soiree at their home. Denny Strauss, Jim Avilla, and Sandy Steckman helped to make the Soiree one of the largest social events the GPR has put on in several years.

The day kicked off with a Fun Run through the Loess Hills. Strauss led the way. Using the clubs two-way radios, he provided a running commentary on the scenery, the roads, and previous (perhaps

more spirited) drives. All who went on the Fun Run commented on what a great time they had.

The Fun Run ended at the Lynch home. If you haven't visited, Bob and Carol have a beautiful arboretum. Their Doberman Pinschers put to rest any fear you might have had from the breed as they were two of the friendliest dogs you've ever met. The Lynches provided a delicious dinner of burgers, brats, sides, and desserts.

Part of the fun was a Porsche-themed quiz. Prize winners received a special bottle of Cabriolet Sofargone.

Following dinner, the Neil Davis Band entertained the group with Davis' original compositions of light jazz. The band consists of Neal Davis on keyboards, Mike DeLuca on drums, Denny Hanley on percussion, and Sandy Steckman on bass.

The band took a short break and the guests took the grand tour of the Lynch's

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# Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



Wow – what a summer, and it only officially started a few days ago!

First, we had one of the GPR's most successful Club Races ever. After a little rain on Friday, the weather cooperated for the rest of the weekend, and we had some excellent and safe racing. On Saturday, between Club Racers and DE participants, we had 68 cars, which is one of the best showings in the last several years. I heard from a number of Club Racers that it was one of the best races that they had ever attended, and thanks to some kind words from the national PCA folks who helped run the event, we got a lot of positive national exposure.

Of course, since the Club Race is the biggest event of the year, there was a lot of work that went into making it such a success. The first recognition must go to Tom Cooper – he puts in dozens of hours throughout the year negotiating contracts, contacting racers, getting

payments and online registration entered smoothly, and just dotting every i and crossing every t to make sure that we have a successful event. Big thanks also to Tom's wife Karen who assisted with registration at the track during the weekend. If you see Tom at an upcoming event, give him a pat on the back for all of the hard work he does – there would no Club Race if it were not for his diligent efforts.

Next, thanks to the Tessmans for again hosting a blowout Saturday night party for the racers, DE participants, and volunteers. The weather was perfect, the food delicious, and one of our members even got engaged at the party! The Tessmans have been putting on the Club Race party for a number of years, and every year trumps the last.

Big thanks to our grid workers Eric Elliott, Russ Standage, Ken Kusik, and Robin Elliott – they had the thankless job of standing in the sun all day to grid the cars, and,

as usual, they all did a perfect job.

Next, I want to say thanks to our other volunteers at the track – Steve Eckhart and Lori Cahill continued their work with the national folks in the timing and scoring building again this year, and I know that they were absolutely indispensable. Thanks to Roland Nieves and Sandy Bruso for driving the pace car (and to Tom Cooper who was the radio-man), and a big thanks to Woodhouse for providing the pace car again this year. Finally, thanks to Wayne Wray for filling in at the last minute to assist the national folks with scales. I hope I did not miss anyone, and I'm sure there were numerous Club members who assisted in small ways over the weekend. Thanks to all of you for making our Club Race weekend a success.

I was also fortunate enough to attend the "Summer Solstice Soiree" put on by Bob and Carol Lynch, Denny

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# ***Club Picnic***

Now that the Fourth of July is past, it time to gear up for the GPR picnic. Bring your appetites and sunscreen for a picnic with the GPR/PCA at Riverside Lakes Park Pavillion in Riverside Lakes on July 14th. There will be plenty of off street parking, swings, jungle bars, stationary rides, a self propelled merry go round, basketball, volleyball and slides for the kids, and tennis courts for the older folks. The picnic will start at 1:00 P.M. and run until everyone goes home.

The GPR will supply hamburgers, hot dogs to grill along with buns and condiments. There will be enough soft drinks and water



for everyone, however, if you desire a different beverage you are welcome to bring it along. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be plenty of paper plates, cups and ice.

Please let Tom Cooper, [tcooper40@cox.net](mailto:tcooper40@cox.net), know how many will be in your group by Wednesday July 11th.

# ***Duncan Aviation Tour***

Join us on Friday, July 20th, for a private tour of Duncan Aviation in Lincoln. Duncan Aviation is the largest family-owned aircraft support facility in North America, and has been serving aircraft operators since 1956. They do everything from mechanical work to paint to complete interior modifications.

People coming from the Omaha area will meet at the Gretna Outlet Mall parking lot at 2:15 p.m. and depart for Lincoln at 2:30 p.m. We will meet up with those coming from the Lincoln area at 3:10 p.m. at the McDonald's near the Lincoln Airport, at exit 399. We will leave McDonald's at 3:20 p.m. to head over to Duncan.

The tour begins at 3:30 p.m. and should last about an hour.

After the tour we can go for dinner and drinks, location TBD.

Please RSVP to Brian Tessman at [brian24667@yahoo.com](mailto:brian24667@yahoo.com) or 402-598-4946 by July



18th so we can give Duncan Aviation an idea on the size of our group.

# Zone 10 July Events

- 21 Central Iowa and Shonesland Regions Autocross at Marshalltown, IA
- 21 Nord Stern Rally from Wedgewood Park in Mahtomedi
- 21 Kansas City Bennett BBQ, Lee's Summit, MO
- 28 Dakotas Region Dawn Patrol and Brunch at Lunde's

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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## Steak Fry at the Schlotts

You won't want to miss the Third Annual Steak Fry at the Schlotts on August 25. Abe and Kelly will once again host what has quickly become a favorite event on the GPR Calendar.

The GPR will provide the steaks. Plan to bring a side dish or dessert. Next month we'll provide guidelines of who should bring what, but you can feel free to bring whatever dish is your favorite.

This is a family event, so plan to bring the kids. You won't want to miss it. Watch this space next month for more details.



*These GPR members enjoyed the "adult" atmosphere of the Solstice Soiree. The Steak Fry will be more "family freindly".*

## Inside Track (cont.)

Strauss, Jim Avilla, and Sandy Steckman. I was not able to make the run through the Loess Hills with Denny, but everyone I saw later at the party said it was a lot of fun. Speaking of the party – boy, what an event! Bob and Carol went all out – their house and property were beautiful, the food was

excellent, and the setting on the deck, with the perfect weather, was one of the most memorable Club events I have ever attended. Big thanks to Sandy and the Neal Davis group for the outstanding after-dinner music.

After starting the summer with a bang, we are going to try

to keep up the intensity – we have more Show 'N Shines coming up, a GPR picnic in a few weeks, car shows, a steak fry, and much more, so stay tuned. If you missed the Club Race or the summer solstice party, you'll want to make sure to "catch up" and attend one of our upcoming events.

# Upcoming Events

GPR Family Picnic at Cooper's .....	July 14
Duncan Aviation Tour.....	July 20
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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# Carrera GT at MPH



*Club Racers round the final turn to the finish line at the Carrera GT at Motorsports Park Hastings.*

The weekend of June 1 through 3, the GPR hosted the Carrera GT at Motorsports Park Hastings PCA Club Race. The PCA Club Racing program allows PCA members to exercise their driving skills in a more competitive environment than the Drivers Education program.

This year's Carrera GT consisted of four races with drivers in 14 different classes. The classes allow drivers to compete against others with similar car performance. The first two races broke the drivers up into two groups, while the final two races had all of the drivers on the track at the same time.

Prior to the official races (which count toward a season championship), each group had qualifying sessions and a fun race to learn the track and shake out any mechanical



issues with their car.

In the first race on Saturday, Richard Bennet took top honors in the Blue Group. Joining Bennet on the podium were GPR's own Sandy Steckman and Brian St. Denis.

Jerry Greene was at the top

of the podium in the Red Group. He was followed by Mark Steingas and Gary Gould.

On Sunday, all of the racers joined in a combined group for two races. In the first combined race, Greene, Clint Sawinski, and Steingas took the top three

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# 2013 PORSCHE BOXSTER S (Type 981)



For the first time since 1996, the Boxster now has a completely new platform. When I first set my eyes upon the new Boxster, I was very impressed with a new aggressive design. The exterior design is much more powerful compared to the 987, with more striking fenders and sharper body lines accentuated by the precise edges which extend from the front to rear. The extremely flat roof line (with cabriolet top closed) reinforces the aggressive stance of the Boxster. Inside the cabin, it's a much more modern design (similar to the new 911). The car is lighter, engines are more powerful, interior is more spacious, and wheelbase is longer. This is a perfect combination for an even more enjoyable driving experience, both in sporty and comfort driving modes.

Mitch Schneringer / General Sales Manager

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**Horsepower:** 315

**Top Track Speed:** 173 mph manual  
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**Drivetrain:** Rear wheel drive

**Displacement:** 3.4 liter

**Torque:** 266 lb-ft

**Acceleration (0-60 mph):** 4.5 seconds  
(PDK with Sport Chrono)

**Base Price:** \$60,900 manual \$64,100 PDK



"The new Boxster now has its own identity in the Porsche line and looks more aggressive. You have never driven a Boxster that feels like this before. You have to come see it and drive it to truly understand and feel how much fun this new Boxster is."

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"My perception of the Boxster has changed forever. The power, the mid-engine balance, the exhaust note, the longer wheelbase, the wider track! All of these add to this car being an absolute track monster. That being said, this car is still tame enough if you were to drive it everyday and all the new added technologies give you a 15% increase in fuel economy. Who else can offer a daily driver with 30 mpg and yet perform great on the track? Nobody but Porsche! Spirit declared!" Solomon Gill / Sales Consultant



"It's like the designers and engineers at Porsche gave some middle school kids some pencils and paper and said, 'make us something really cool.' Then the kids went all James Bond on the execs at Porsche and came up with some awesome ideas. This new Boxster is truly a work of art or an imaginative masterpiece. One look will get most customers to drop a jaw and be in awe. . . . and then you drive it. . . . and it keeps getting better!  
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# Club Race Party at Tessmans



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Once again, the Tessmans hosted a party at their home during the Carrera GT at MPH Club Race weekend.

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# ***Carrera GT at MPH (cont.)***

positions. In the second combined group, Greene, James Leslie, and Sawinski took the overall podium spots.

As always, George Anderson and the crew at MPH put on a first class operation. The PCA Club Racing national staff members were:

Weston Dillard, Race Steward

Sean Reardon, Scrutineer

Franklin Kalk, Timing and Scoring

Congratulations to all of the racers for putting on a safe race. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Make your plans to be in Hastings the first weekend in June next year for the next Carrera GT at MPH.

Here are the class winners in each of the races with their overall position:

## **Blue Sprint Race 1**

E - Richard Bennet (1)  
D - Sandy Steckman (2)  
SPB - Scott Beamish (4)  
SP1 - Chris Blazer (9)

## **Red Sprint Race 1**

GTC3 - Jerry Greene (1)  
GT1R - Gary Gould (3)  
GT4S - Gary Knoblauch (7)  
GTC2 - Randal Cassling (8)  
SP3 - Steven Sabers (9)  
GTB1 - John Marchant (10)  
G - Mark Hugnagel (11)  
SP911 - Ben Merriman (13)

## **Combined Sprint Race 2**

GTC3 - Jerry Greene (1)  
GT4S - Gary Knoblauch (6)  
GTB1 - John Marchant (8)

GTC1 - Mike Courtney (9)  
SP3 - Steven Sabers (10)  
K - Roland Manarin (11)  
E - Richard Bennett (12)  
G - Mark Hufnagel (13)  
SPB - Scott Beamish (14)  
J - Jack Baker (17)  
D - Sandy Steckman (20)  
SP1 - Chris Blazer (25)

## **Combined Sprint Race 3**

GTC3 - Jerry Green (1)  
GT4S - Michael Hemingway (6)  
GTB1 - John Marchant (7)  
GTC1 - Mike Courtney (8)  
E - Richard Bennett (9)  
G - Mark Hufnagel (10)  
SP3 - Steven Sabers (12)  
J - Jack Baker (14)  
SP911 - Ben Merriman (15)  
D - Sandy Steckman (16)  
SPB - Keith Fritze (18)  
SP1 - Chris Blazer (19)

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# Solstice Soiree (cont.)

garage. Bob is a surgeon and as one guest remarked, his garage was like an operating room. Bob has a wonderful collection ranging from a BWM Isetta to a Volkswagen Thing with several concours-worthy Porsches in the mix.

All in all, the first Solstice Soiree was a great success. Those in attendance hope it becomes an annual affair. If so, you won't want to miss it next year!



*GPR members prepare for the quiz at the Solstice Soiree*



*Loess Hills Fun Run (left) attendees enjoyed a beautiful drive. GPR's own Sandy Steckman plays the bass for Neil Davis Band during the Solstice Soiree at the home of Bob and Carol Lynch.*



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