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Duncan Aviation Tour by Brian Tessman, Social Chair



Courtesy Duncan Aviation

As the new Social Chair, I was very pleased with the turnout for my first event considering it was during the week. We had a total of 31 members and guests tour the Duncan Aviation facility on July 20th. In addition to an amazing tour, I learned a lot about our club, insurance and reporting requirements, waivers, and writing my first article in our monthly newsletter.

Unfortunately, we were unable to take pictures inside

the facility to protect client privacy. Some of their contract work also involves the United States and foreign governments.

Once our group arrived at Duncan Aviation, we were greeted by Project Manager, Doyle Garrett and Safety Director, Kendall Folds. We were divided into two groups and began the tour of this massive facility which provides jobs to more than 1,200 people and actually stretches nearly a mile long. During our tour

though several large hangars and buildings, our troop got a lot of exercise in the 100 degree heat. Some of the highlights of our tour included getting to see where jet engines are overhauled, the upholstery shop, cabinetry shop, aircraft general maintenance, employee fitness center, and where they repair and install avionics.

Did you know the cost to replace the windshield in a small Learjet is \$65,000 and the cost to overhaul the engine in the same place is around a half

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Inside Track

By Steve Wilwerding



As the summer driving season (if not the temperatures) winds down, the GPR can look back on a summer full of enjoyable events, with plenty more coming up in the next few weeks and months.

I look back on the summer's festivities, from the Summer Solstice Soiree to the Sonics to the GPR Picnic to the Duncan Aviation Tour, and am thoroughly impressed by the quality of the events, and the hard work that our members put in to make them a success. What a wonderful summer it has been, and we still have car shows, another Sonic, a Steak Fry, a DE, and our 45th Anniversary Party yet to come!

My heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who has sponsored events this year, but in this article, I wanted to single out our new Social Chair, Brian Tesson. He graciously volunteered to serve out this year (and hopefully 2013 as well) on the Board, and he certainly hit the ground

running.

Brian attended his first Board meeting just a few weeks ago, but he already has one event under his belt, the Duncan Aviation Tour, which was a huge success. For a Friday afternoon with temperatures around 100 degrees, I think we had around 30-35 people attend a very enlightening and enjoyable tour. Brian came to the last Board meeting prepared with plenty more ideas, and I came away looking forward to all of the events that I know he's planning. Keep up the good work, Brian, and welcome aboard!

The other exciting news I have to share is that we have finally nailed down a date for the 45th Anniversary Party. The party will be October 20 at the Embassy Suites just off the Interstate in La Vista. We are still working out the details on the dinner, but I can already guarantee you that it will be a memorable event, so mark your calendars now.

I am also pleased to announce that we have lined up a guest speaker for the event. Steve Matchett, former F1 mechanic and current F1 SpeedTV announcer, will be joining us for the evening. Steve worked as a mechanic for the Benetton F1 team from 1990-1998, during which time Benetton won one Constructor's Championship and two Driver's Championships with Michael Schumacher. In 2000, Steve joined the SpeedTV F1 crew as the technical expert, a position he still holds alongside fellow announcers Bob Varsha and David Hobbs. I have heard from a number of other clubs that Steve is an engaging and entertaining speaker, and I can't wait to hear him this fall.

Finally, as regards the Anniversary party, I would like to ask all Past Presidents who are still members of the Club to make a special effort to attend. My very first GPR event 10 years ago was the 35th Anniversary Party at Eagle

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The Journey

By Steve Eckhart



Can it really have been three years? I guess so.

Three years ago, Steve Wilwerding had been the Newsletter Editor for five years. Steve wrote an article stating that he was ready to step down and asking someone to take over the reins.

I had been a member of the club for about two years. I wanted to get more involved with the club. Since I had some layout and editing experience in college, I sent Steve an email letting him know I was interested in taking his place. I think it took about 30 seconds for him to respond saying the job was mine.

Over the last few months, my already busy life has seemed to get busier. Our daughter, Ruth, is beginning to get involved in church and school activities. More and more, I find that GPR events I want to attend conflict with another event on our family calendar. I've also found it harder and harder to get layout done as early as I would like to have *Der Skooner* in your mailbox the first week of the month.

So, this column is to let you know that I will be stepping down as *Der Skooner* editor at the end of this year. The job is challenging, but rewarding.

The other board members and event organizers have been fantastic at helping me with articles and pictures of events. The national staff provides great support. And, you get an almost new laptop to run the layout software from the club.

As Steve wrote three years ago, it's amazing how swiftly time flies one month at a time. If you would like to support your fellow club members by producing our primary communication, please contact me at s.eckhart@cox.net.

Enjoy the journey!



Zone 10 August Events

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| 11 | Nord Stern at Vino in the Valley |
| 12 | St. Louis at Columbia Porsche Group (CPG) Fun Drive |
| 19 | St. Louis at Augusta Wine Tour and Lunch |
| 20 | Red River Dinner Cruise |
| 23-25 | Dakotas Run for the Hills X |
| 25 | St. Louis at CPG Summit Lake Winery Dinner |
| 25 | Wichita at Loony Bin Comedy Club and Dinner at Sweet Basil |
| 26 | Central Iowa at SERTOMA Fly-In, Drive-In Breakfast Iowa City, IA Airport |
| 26 | Wichita at Autocross at Road Yoder |

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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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. As a suggestion, based on the model year of your Porsche, please bring:

Up to 1984: Salad

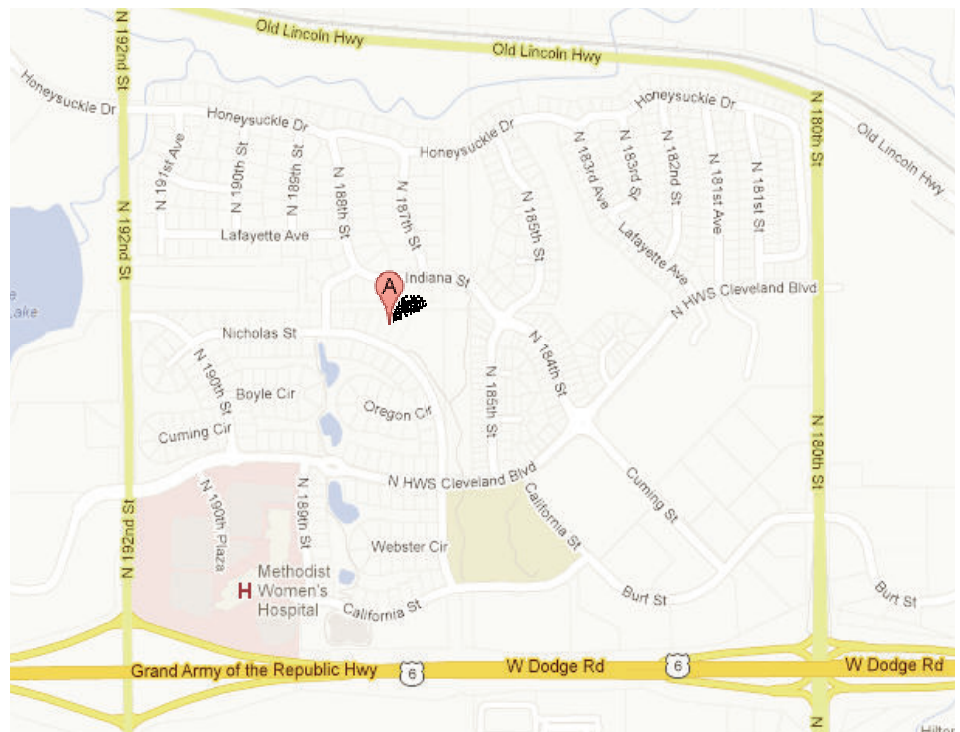
1985-2002: Dessert

2003 on: Side

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.

The Schlotts live at 18708 Nicholas Street in Elkhorn, NE (behind the women's health center on 180th and Dodge).



So that we can order the
right number of steaks, please
RSVP to Kelly Schlott at

betachi23@cox.net or (402) 891-7153 by Thursday, August 23.

Upcoming Events

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	October 20

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

Inside Track (cont.)

Hills, and I still remember how special it was seeing all of the Past Presidents lined up on stage. I would very much like to repeat the experience for this party, so if you are able to

attend, please do.

As I mentioned above, we still have plenty of events before driving season comes to an end, so check out all of the details in this newsletter or on

the website. By the way, if you haven't seen the new website (www.gprpca.com), check it out. Big thanks to Eric Elliott for getting it up and running.

Hope to see you soon!

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Ashland Car Show *by Russ Standage*



Eight Porsches along with 2 VW Beetles joined 127 other cars in the Ashland Car Show this year. The show chairman had planned on 100 cars so parking was limited.

The weather was bright and sunny with temperatures in the mid-90s. There were plenty of activities going on around us with lots of food and drink.

Thanks to our able Porsche judges, Ken Kusik of Lincoln, and the infamous Omaha sister duo of Sandy Bruso and Sally Knapp. They did their job well and results came in quickly.

Taking top honors in the Porsche/VW class was Omaha's Bob Lynch in his 1956 356A. Boy did that black paint job really shine! Bruso mentioned you had to wear sun glasses next to it.

Coming in a close second was Lincoln's Ed Ubben in his



1957 356 1600S.

Taking third place was a beautifully restored 1954 VW Beetle with Euro specs brought into the country years ago by a military member returning to the US. The owner, Brynor Geerdls from Omaha is still

researching the history of the car. I must say the car was in much better shape than I am at the same age.

Several members followed me over to our house for some light refreshments afterward. Thanks for all those that

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Ashland Auto Show (cont)

attended this local event and made it a big success for the town of Ashland.

We hope to see you at the Schworer VW Car Show Aug 26 or the Lauritzen Garden Show later this fall.



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Bob Lynch's 1956 356A gleams in the sun at the Ashland Auto Show

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Duncan Aviation Tour (cont.)

a million dollars? Compared to a larger corporate jet such as a Gulfstream, Falcon or Challenger, that is a bargain! The cost to overhaul an engine on these larger jets are \$1 - \$1.5 million dollars per engine. By the end of the tour it sure made owning a Porsche seem pretty darn cheap! In some cases their client's will spend tens of thousands of dollars to get a specific tail number for their plane. Just a few more dollars than a Nebraska vanity plate.

At any given time, Duncan will have around 80 jets from around the world there getting serviced. We saw jets from as far as Egypt, New Zealand, UK, Australia and France. Duncan is really a one stop shop to have just about anything done to a corporate jet. Although we did not get to see it, they recently

built a new painting facility with a state of the art computerized paint system. Had it been located closer to where we were, it probably would have been on our tour which lasted nearly an hour and a half.

Many thanks to all of the folks at Duncan Aviation and to those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. I wish we were able to have scheduled the tour on a weekend, but that would not work for Duncan Aviation.

I look forward to really getting to know more club members and gain a better understanding of the type of social events you would enjoy. I'm open to ideas and would encourage you to share them with me. My email address is brian24667@yahoo.com. Each

member of the club, knows certain people, has access to cool resources, and has amazing ideas! I'm sure there are members that would be interested in hosting an event at their home or business for the club, but are hesitant simply because it is a lot of work. I would like for anyone who is interested in volunteering to help when it comes to setting up an event or working one, to contact me. I would like establish a list of people I can call if someone offers to host an event. Working together will encourage more folks to host some really fun events. If you are interested in hosting an event, please let me know and I will assist finding the help to make it work. I look forward to hearing from you!


Salisbury House Concours d'Elegance

Each September there is a Concours d'Elegance at the Salisbury House (a beautiful mansion) in Des Moines. This year it is Sunday, September 9. This year they are featuring Porsche as the prominent marque.

The day before Schonesland Region will put on the Heartland Driving Tour going towards Ames to see the Myer's Collection of British Cars then on to Williams, Iowa to the Hemken Collection.

You can find more

information in the Schonesland region newsletter at www.pca.org/regions/pdf/july2012.pdf. The Salisbury House also has a web site at salisburyhouse.org.



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Minutes of the June 26, 2012 Board Meeting

Attending were board members Tom Cooper, Steve Wilwerding, Steve Gallagher, Brian Tessman, Steve Eckhart, Sally Knapp. Also present was Eric Elliott.

Social: New events to consider: Duncan Aviation Tour in Lincoln, TD Ameritrade Tour, In the Garage and Garage Tour, Governor's Mansion Tour, Ladies Night Car Wash, Scavenger Hunt, St. Paul, Nebraska Winery

Secretary: Approve minutes from previous meeting.

President: Great job at Club Race to everyone involved; discussed 45th Anniversary party speaker and date: settled on 10/20 at Embassy Suites

Discussed upcoming events as follows: 7/14 Picnic; 7/29 Ashland Car Show; 8/18 Sonic; 8/25 Steak Fry; 9/16 1-Day DE @ MAM

Club Race Chair/Registrar: Ideas for next year - more volunteers; better training for the pace car driver; take race steward on track in pace car; more awards; encourage early registration for better third-party track support (e.g., tire suppliers, etc.)

Treasurer: On solid ground. Club race and DE broke even or made a little money.

Membership: Nothing to report

Safety: Club race and DE were safe

Newsletter: Sponsorship letters going out soon.

Website: Lane Sup offered to host for free. Eric demonstrated the new layout. Board encouraged him to make it live immediately.

Past President and Chief Driving Instructor: No report

Respectfully submitted by Steve Eckhart



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