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## SCHLOTT STEAK FRY - 2013



*Chef Extraordinaire John Krecek is grilling some wonderfully tender and flavorful steaks the Club provided for all in attendance at the annual Schlott Steak Fry. John is taking the responsibility very seriously - its rare when he's not smiling - because Abe selected some outstanding steaks and then seasoned them to perfection. Don't know what has diverted the attention of Bob Lynch and Abe Schlott.*



*Club President Tom Cooper chatting with some Porsche owners from Missouri who participated in the final GPR sponsored DE event for the 2013 season.*

*Kelly Schlott (l) assisting some GPR members at the bar. Kelly and Abe graciously open their home to us every year for the Steak Fry. Thank you so very much Kelly and Abe!*



*Front row parking for a couple Porsche's!*



*The immediate neighborhood became a Porsche only parking lot. Quite a site.*

*The Huskers had the weekend off but there sure were a lot of red Porsche's at the event. Hmmm.*



# The Starting Line

By Tom Cooper

We finally had the annual meeting in September. There was a good turn out at Roland Manarin's new facility in Elkhorn on Wednesday, September 25th and we were able to bring the bylaws up to date, provide for a couple of new positions on the Board of Directors, Website Coordinator and Register and even got some volunteers to help with the club race next June. Denny Strauss gave us a little preview of the next Monterey/Pebble Beach presentation he will make to the club early next year just to whet our appetites. Be sure to thank Roland for letting us use his very nice new facility for this meeting the next time you see him.

We closed out the track season with the Fall Showdown at MAM. The weather Saturday morning was a little wet, but by noon the rain had dried up

and the winds plus the cars circulating the track dried it off in a short time. Saturday night several of the DE participants plus a number of other Great Plains members converged on Kelly and Abe Schlott's for the annual steak fry. The steaks were grilled to perfection by grill master John Krecek, and it was a nice ending for the day. The weather cooperated on Sunday and was the perfect day to end the 2013 track season.

The temperature early this morning was 37° F, the Huskers won big in West Lafayette, and the leaves are starting to fall, however, it's not time to put the Porsche up on jack stands for the winter just yet. We will have a new member reception on October 15th at the Porsche of Omaha showroom, and we will kick off November with a bonfire and hot dog roast at Roland Manarin's home on Friday

November second, and then the monthly breakfast at the Heartland Café on the 12th. We are still working on a fun run through the Loess Hills of Iowa down to Nebraska City for sometime in November, so stay tuned for the details.

The calendar will be pretty bare during the Holiday season. We'll still have the monthly breakfast meeting at the Heartland Café in November and December, and we will start off the 2014 with brunch New Years Day at the Hilton Downtown. Then on Friday January 18th we will have the annual Holiday Party at Oak Hills Country Club. This venue has been great in past years so remember to sign up when the e-mail reminder comes around.

Hope to see you at one of the events in the near future.

Tom



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# 2012 Great Plains Region Annual Meeting

Twenty Great Plains Region PCA board members and general members met September 25th, 2013 at Manarin Investments Community Room, 505 N. 210th Street, Elkhorn, NE., for the GPR annual meeting.

President: GPR President Tom Cooper called the meeting to order. The current GPR board was introduced and event sponsors were acknowledged and thanked.

Treasurer: GPR Treasurer Bob Lynch presented the financial status of the club. The club started the year with a checkbook balance of \$61,528 and had \$62,892 on hand at the end of August. Bob took questions from the members about the amount of income received from member dues in 2013, which is about \$4000. Bob stressed that the sponsors are critical to keep the club healthy and thanked them.

President: GPR President Tom Cooper explained the proposed bylaw amendments. Proposed amendments were to add Website and Registrar as Board of Director positions, bringing total Board members to nine plus the immediate active Past-President; and added that national PCA members of all types must be approved by the Membership Chairperson or President with ratification by the Board of Directors. Language will also be added to include that the original By Laws were adopted June 23, 1967 and amended on June 1, 1997 and September 25th, 2013. A motion to adopt the proposed amendments was made by Bob Lynch, motion was seconded by Roland Manarin. The amendments were approved on a unanimous vote by those present.

Social: GPR Social chair Brian Tessman provided a social update. Upcoming events for the rest of the year include the Fall Showdown DE, Streak Fry, planned movie night to see "RUSH", possible New Years Day brunch, and annual Holiday Party on January 18th. Also, the monthly breakfasts have been very successful and will continue. Brian took suggestions from members on the type of events members want. Suggestions included more "behind the scenes" type tours, social events with "no agenda" (similar to Out of the Corkscrew type events), and a fall Fun Run through the Loess hills. Brian also wants to plan more events that appeal to the women in the club. A suggestion was made for him to meet with a few of the women in the club to come up with some ideas.

New/Old Business: GPR President Tom Cooper discussed the status of local tracks. We have our Annual Club Race and one DE scheduled for Motorsport Park Hastings next year. Almost every weekend is booked with an event at MPH in 2014. The status of MAM is status quo with some question of what 2014 will bring for MAM. Tom noted that attendance for our DEs in 2013 has been down from the past few years. The need for volunteers to help at the events was stressed. Particularly important is the need for a Club Race Chair and a Registrar. Both positions are needed for 2014.

Presentation: Denny Strauss gave an excellent presentation showing just a sampling of fantastic photographs from his Pebble Beach trips. A full-length presentation by Denny is hopefully in the cards for early 2014.

Drawing was made for door prizes, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Elliott

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

**PLEASE** cast your ballot for the calendar year 2014 Great Plains Region Porsche Club of America Board of Directors. Current nominees for each Board position are listed. Space to write in a candidate is also provided.

**PLEASE** forward your ballot to Abe Schlott, 727 S. 13th St. Omaha NE 68102 or electronically to [aschlott@wd-wpp.com](mailto:aschlott@wd-wpp.com). **no later than December 1, 2013.**

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# **...Fall Showdown Driver Education - Mid-America Motorplex**



*DE is all about Driver Education. We had an enthusiastic class at the Fall Showdown. Instructor John Krecek seems to be holding an imaginary steering wheel. Most certainly teaching the finer aspects of oversteer.*



*Driver Education events are also about sharing thoughts with fellow drivers. Visitors from other Clubs and states are discussing track management with several members of the Great Plains Region Porsche Club.*



*Just a man and his car (not just any car...it's gotta be a Porsche) and a walkie talkie. Have you ever wondered what our outstanding pit crew does while we're on the track have fun? Looks like Eric is taking a well deserved break! Now you know.*



*A head in a wheel well. But this time it's not Sandy Steckman. Kevin Schilling checking for damage before installing the wheel and tire. See his open letter to the membership on page 8.*



*Oh the weather outside was frightful.... We can't seem to get a break this year with an entire weekend of good driving weather. It was cold and raining Saturday morning. Thankfully there was shelter. Of course Sandy Steckman's trailer was heated. Bob Lynch's isn't; hence the excess clothing needed for comfort.*



*If I invent a tire that never needs changing I'd be rich. Doug Avila complying with the ritual; tires and brakes. Doug frequents our DE's. Always good to see him. Maybe next year he has a Porsche. We welcome all vehicle types at our DE's.*

# .....Panamera Launch Party *Porsche of Omaha*



Joe Chambers favorite color combination. White exterior with sumptuous tan leather interior. What's he thinking?



Mitt Schneringer, Kurt Halvorson and Joe Chambers talking about... what else, Porsche's. The Panamera certainly is outstanding!

## PORSCHE Service Clinic



**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**  
**6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Porsche showroom floor**

This is a classroom-like session that will help you better understand your Porsche. Topics will be, but not limited to:

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# Mark your calendar GPR sponsored events underlined

## October

**4th-6th-** Octoberfest Club Race and DE, Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK  
**12th** Breakfast at Heartland Cafe, 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn, NE. 8a-???  
**20th-** Autocross at Road Yoder, Wichita, KS.  
**24th-27th** - ESCAPE to LA

## November

**1st** - Bonfire and Hot Dog Roast. Roland Manarin residence, 2100 Skyline Drive, Elkhorn, NE. 6:30p-until Roland kicks us out. Please bring your favorite beverage and lawn chair. Food will be provided by your Club.  
Please RSVP to Brian Tessman by Wednesday, October 30th, at 402-598-4946 or brian24667@yahoo.com. so we can ensure there is food there for YOU!  
**6th** - Porsche Service Clinic. Porsche of Omaha 6625 L St, Omaha, NE 68117. 6p-8p.  
Please see announcement in Der Skooner.  
**9th**-Breakfast at Heartland Cafe. 2615 North Main Street. Elkhorn, NE. 8a-???

## December

**TBD-** 911 Turbo Launch Event at Porsche of Omaha

## January 2014

**1st**-New Years Day Brunch. Hilton Omaha, 1001 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68102.  
Details to follow.  
**18th**-Annual Winter Party. Oak Hills Country Club, 12325 Golfing Green Drive, Omaha, NE.  
6p-9p. Details to follow.



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# An Open Letter to GPR Membership - Kevin Schilling

First of all, let me again thank your region's generous hospitality this past weekend. I had a great time, the track was a blast to drive on, the weather for the vast majority of the weekend cooperated nicely and I came home in one piece with a brand spanking new tire on my car!! Can't beat that! I wanted to describe, in detail, a bit of my experience to you this past weekend.

"Even though the morning started out a little gray, wet and gloomy, by the middle of the morning the rain had stopped and thanks to the flat wide open plains the (seemingly) ever present wind dried the asphalt track out quite nicely. Getting in a couple of sessions in the rain on the wet track early on Saturday proved beneficial later when things dried out. It was under the wet conditions and the sparse number of drivers that I started to find the proper line thru the track.

The third and fourth sessions on Saturday were a blast; dry track, warming weather and still not terribly many drivers to contend with. It seemed in the fourth session that I was starting to slowly but surely navigate the track quicker and quicker and with one lap to go in the session it felt like I had found a nice rhythm thru the turns until turn 8. There I went too wide, rode the top of the left hand rumble strip and went off the left side of it just as the rumble strip section ended and bringing my car back onto to the track caused my left front tire to vigorously impact something sharp resulting in a punctured tire.

I was close enough to the exit of the track that I was able to limp back to the paddock (initially thinking I had done some damage to my front suspension. Glad I was wrong about

that!). There I saw the completely flat tire. No amount of slimy gel was able to patch the slice in the inner sidewall of the tire and being without a spare I was feeling a little SOL. Many of the drivers at the event lent me advice and moral support and contact info to local tire stores and dealers very very helpful! Unfortunately the places I could get in touch with on a Saturday afternoon either didn't have a tire type that I needed or if they did have a tire or could quickly get a tire they weren't open any later on that day and weren't open on Sunday.

I was running out of options and my wife was adamant that she wasn't going to drive the 6 hours one way to



*Kevin changing the left front tire on his 911*

bring me a spare no matter what I promised her in the way of new drapes, new kitchen cabinets, new carpeting...

And then about 5 PM Russ Rabeler stopped by and asked how things were going. I'm guessing he could tell not very well. He offered to call his son-in-law Mitch Schneringer. Mitch is the General Sales Manager at Porsche of Omaha. Russ asked Mitch if the dealership had any used tires laying around that I could get my hands on. Mitch said he would have to drive into

the dealership to see and would call back later. After hitching a ride back to my hotel I get a call from Mitch. He had driven into the dealership at around 6 PM (well after they had closed for the day) he said they didn't have any used tires but did have an exact match to the tire I punctured. Only problem was my bad tire and wheel were on my car at the track and the good tire Mitch had was at the dealership. So in an amazing display of customer service Mitch offered to pick me up from my hotel, drive me to the track so I could remove the wheel and bad tire, bring me and the wheel/tire back to the dealership and get a service technician to come in to work early Sunday morning to swap bad tire for good, and, oh by the way, arrange for me to use a loaner car for the remainder of Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Amazing, I repeat, AMAZING.

Sunday at 9 in morning I meet Andy Hipwell the Service Manager and Bob Smisek the service technician at the dealership. The tires have been swapped. I pick them up, head to the track, get the wheel on the car and get in 4 sessions of driving Sunday before heading home to St. Louis MO!!!!!!

Remarkable, amazing, extraordinary are all words that describe the kindness, sacrifice and service I experienced last weekend in Pacific Junction. From Russ to Mitch to Andy to Bob and everyone at the DE, they all helped save my weekend from being a disaster to something very memorable and rewarding! Cheers to them, and cheers to the Great Plains Region!

I know where I'm buying my next Porsche!

Kevin



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**FOR SALE - 1992 Porsche 968.** Guards red. Converted from a street car several years ago (still street legal). It has been raced in SCCA and PCA events. Full roll cage, adjustable suspension, racing seats with newer 5-point harnesses, hot lap timer, cool suit, new clutch, new torque tube, serviced at Woodhouse 2 weeks ago with oil change, brake flush/blue racing brake fluid, new battery. Two sets of wheels/tires: 17" Michelin Pilot Sport on stock wheels, 18" Hoosiers on BBS 3-piece wheels. No accidents, no issues, runs great (low 1:40's at MAM (Glenwood, IA) and MPH (Hastings, NE). Car could be converted back to street version (still has carpeting, rear seats). Over \$40,000 invested. Not raced yet this season. Asking \$26,900 - need to see to appreciate. Call Steve @ 402-301-9013.



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The Great Plains Region PCA Board of Directors met October 1st, 2013, at the home of Sally Knapp. Members present: Tom Cooper, Bob Lynch, Sally Knapp, Sandy Bruso, Brian Tessman, George Poulos, and Eric Elliott. Also present was John Krecek.

**Secretary:** The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

**President:** Annual meeting was recapped. Will have annual meeting again next year. 2014 Race Chair is John Krecek. John K. gave update on instructors. Discussed a refresher and new instructor training event, possibly in the spring. 2014 track events include Club Race at MPH May 30-June 1 and DE at MPH in July. Will discuss addition DE events at a future meeting.

**Registrar:** MAM DE was recapped. One person is strongly interested in 2014 registrar position, one other person has offered to help.

**Treasurer:** Bob presented the monthly report.

**Social:** Discussed upcoming activities: 10/4 RUSH movie night; 10/12 club breakfast; 10/15 new member reception; 11/1 bonfire/hotdog roast; TBA Nebraska City fun run; TBA club dinner; 1/1/2014 New Year's Day brunch; 1/18/2014 Holiday Party.

**Membership:** Three new members - Justin Abbott, Stephen Bartlett, John Eckmann - were approved by the board. Discussed new PCA national dealer/membership program. GPR membership directory is ready to publish.

**Safety:** No safety issues from the DE.

**Newsletter:** George gave advertising report and newsletter update.

**Website:** Up to date.

**Past President:** No report.

The next meeting will be November 5th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Elliott



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