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Octoberfest at the Lynch's

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President's Column

The Starting Line

By Tom Cooper

Once again we moved the Saturday morning breakfast to the first Saturday of the month in October to avoid a conflict with the fun run and beer and brats party at the Lynch's on the second Saturday. In November, we will move it back to the second Saturday which is the 8th of November. The Heartland Café has gone back to offering half price breakfast between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., so not only are we getting good food, but the price is right.

The Octoberfest Spass Lauf und Bier und Wurst Feier (Fun Run and Beer and Brats Celebration) was well attended. The fun run started out at Carol and Bob Lynch's house and there were 22 cars in the run. Denny reported that there were very few traffic problems, even with this large number of participants, and there were a couple of times where folks actually pulled to the side of the road and let the caravan pass. There were even more folks at the Brats and Beer party and Carol and Bob provided a variety of brats to suit everyone's taste, and grill master John Krecek did a great job making sure they were done to perfection. Carol even made my favorite brownies for dessert. This was a great party and if you missed it you missed a lot of fun.

On October 14th there was a reception for new members at the Porsche of Omaha showroom. This was a chance for new members to meet the Board of Directors and ask

questions about events we have during the year. I want to thank Terry Lessmann for sharing his photos taken at the Porsche Parade in Monterey last summer. Terry had great pictures of the cars at the event and some fantastic shots of the California coastline.

In the October meeting of the Board of Directors it was decided to increase the annual dues to \$30 per year. The board felt, that even with the increase, members receive excellent value. It has been so long since we have had an increase that no one can remember when the last increase was. I know that when I joined back in 1997 the dues were twenty bucks, so it's been at least that long.

With the approach of winter, events are winding down for the year. We will continue to have the monthly club breakfast at the Heartland Café. There are a couple of events this winter that you should put on your calendar. The first is the New Year's Day Brunch at the home of the new Past President and his wife (Tom and Karen Cooper) on New Year's Day from 10:00 A.M. until noon. Then there is the annual Holiday Party at Oak Hills Country Club on January 31st. As usual it will be a cash bar, but current members in good standing, read that as 2015 dues paid, and their guest will be treated to dinner by the club. There will be more details in next month's Der Skooner.

Don't eat too much turkey at Thanksgiving.

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Octoberfest Spass Luf und Bier und Worst Feier

(Octoberfest Fun Run and Beer and Brats Celebration)

Twenty cars participated in the Spass Lauf (Fun Run), led by Denny Strauss. The drive covered eastern Nebraska and the Loess Hills of western Iowa. The route included driving the Omaha Trace, Blair High Road, Highway 75, Ponca Road, North River Road past NP Dodge Park, across the Mormon Bridge, into Crescent, Iowa, up through

Beebe Town and Missouri Valley, then back through Crescent and across the Mormon Bridge to the Lynch's.

The group only had a few interlopers break up our caravan, including one supercharged black Jaguar F-Type. He quickly realized his error and sped off!



Denny Strauss reviews the route with excited Porsche drivers. (Maybe they needed more coffee?)

Photo by Kurt Halvorson

Below: Enjoying the drive! Photo by Steve Ginn



Nice fall colors ... and the trees are nice, too!
Photo by Kurt Halvorson



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2014 – 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7th - 9th 10th Annual PCA Palooza* Eureka Springs, Arkansas
For more information please go to www.pca-palooza.com
- 8th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am
- 21st Radio City Christmas Spectacular Orpheum Theater, Omaha 8:00 pm
Pre-show meet at Jackson Street Tavern, 1125 Jackson St., anytime after 5:30 for food and/or beverage.

DECEMBER

No Events

JANUARY - 2015

- 1st New Year's Day Brunch 635 Shorewood Ln, Waterloo, NE 10 am - Noon
Tom Cooper invites GPR members to join him for a morning brunch to provide a great start to the 2015 club calendar. He and his wife, Karen, will host the event this year at their home. More details to follow in our December issue.
- 31st Great Plains Region Winter Party Oak Hills Country Club, Omaha
Cocktails followed by dinner and awards. Look for more info in our December issue.

FEBRUARY

- 14th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am

MARCH

- 14th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am

APRIL

- 11th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am
- 24th-25th Spring Fling Driver Education Mid-America Motorplex
Details to follow in Der Skooner.

MAY

- 9th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am
- 29th-31st Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced Driver Education
Motorsport Park Hastings. Details to follow in Der Skooner.

JUNE

- 13th Breakfast at Heartland Cafe 2615 North Main Street, Elkhorn 8:00 am
- 21st-27th 2015 Porsche Parade French Lick, IN

Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: www.gprpca.com

* = Not a GPR sponsored event

GPR Porsche Club Shout Out!

By Rick Mourey

With the last DE of the year now over after a spectacular weekend (Saturday's morning fog notwithstanding....I didn't miss the exit off 29, but must admit I was not entirely sure I was in the right place). I have to give a shout-out to the club, the board, all the volunteers and party hosts. There are events still to come this year, but from the Saturday breakfasts, where in January nobody thought it would thaw out until August, to the car shows, fun runs, golf tournament, DEs at MAM and DEs and club race at Hastings it has been an action filled year so far. Now, none of this happens all by itself and probably not said enough, the general theme of a conversation a few of us were having in the paddock on Sunday was; we really appreciate the effort everyone puts into all of these events!

The DEs we know take a lot of behind the scenes and track day work from scheduling, arranging for insurance, registration, getting instructors (which by the way, I give you all a ton of credit and thanks for getting in the right seat with us, because you have to be a little nuts!!!) to running tech, the grid and answering a million questions all day long. These events are always well run and probably most importantly run safely. Really, where else can you have this much with your pants on (yes Sally, long pants!!). So thank you again for all the hard work!!! Also, I would be grossly remiss in not thanking our mid-weekend DE hosts (the Lynchs, Tessmans and Schlotts) for their fabulous hospitality.

So again, not said enough, but thought of frequently..... THANK YOU!

From the Editor

By Melinda Halvorson

I would like to start my first column off by saying a BIG "Thank You" to George Poullos for his hard work on the newsletter these past 2+ years. Great job and thank you!

Thank you all for the opportunity to work on Der Skooner for you. I'm sure you have noticed a little different "look" to the newsletter. I am still tweaking, but thought I might make a few changes here and there.

I would like to start a new column with our next issue of Der Skooner. Submit a photo of your car, or better yet, you and your car, in an interesting place. Space permitting, all photos will be pictured in the newsletter, but the best one will win the coveted title of "Photo of the Month". Please email your photos along with a short description of where you were, etc., to: gprnewsletter@gmail.com. Good luck!

I want to remind you that this is YOUR newsletter, so please send pictures of car events you attend, projects you are working on with your car, drives you enjoy, or anything you think other members might be interested in seeing or reading about. I want to hear from you! (And so do your other GPR friends!)

Thank You ...

The Board of Directors, on behalf of the entire GPR/PCA membership would like to thank **Steve Gallagher** and **Glen Page** for their kind gifts at the Piston Level to provide further financial assistance to the club this year.

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Tips For Winter Storage

By Jay Ross, Applied Chemical Specialties, Inc.

One question I often hear this time of year is: What should I do – and not do – to properly prepare my cars for winter storage? Here are some helpful tips!

DO: Top off the fuel tank. Fuel oxidizes over time, and breaks down to form less-combustible byproducts. Oxygen is a catalyst to the oxidation of fuel. A half-full tank contains air – and therefore oxygen – that accelerates oxidation. But a full tank contains no air, which dramatically slows the rate at which fuel oxidizes.

DO: Fill tires with nitrogen. It is a colorless, odorless, non-reactive inert gas. It will therefore preserve rubber tires much better than compressed air, which contains oxygen and highly reactive ozone.

As opposed to compressed air, nitrogen is also completely devoid of moisture, which further enhances its non-oxidizing properties for both the inner wheel as well as tire rubber.

DO: Put your vehicle on jack stands. Otherwise tires will develop flat-spots during winter storage. This is particularly the case in unheated garages, as cold concrete will worsen the effect.

DON'T: Store your vehicle with an empty fuel tank or cooling system. As described above, this only introduces more air – and oxygen – that will accelerate the oxidation, or corrosion, process.

DON'T: Store your vehicle with the same oil you ran all summer.

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DON'T: Mix coolant types. Orange, yellow, and green coolants all contain inhibitor packages consisting of different chemistry. Mixing chemistries will compromise the protection it offers – in some cases, drastically.

DO: Check coolant freeze protection. Maybe you forgot that

you topped off your cooling system earlier this year with water, thereby diluting the antifreeze concentration. Even if your garage is heated, it's good to have freeze protection – just in case! The only way to know for sure is to check it. Our No-Rosion Coolant Test Pack not only tests for freeze protection, it also tests for corrosion protection and coolant corrosivity. Everything you need to know about your coolant's health before parking your car for the winter.

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The GPR Board of Directors made the decision at the October meeting to go green with Der Skooner. In order to help keep costs down, starting with the January issue of Der Skooner, the newsletter will be sent via email to all current GPR members in a PDF format. You will receive the newsletter much more quickly and it will be in color! You will also find the newsletter on our website at www.gprpca.com. If you require a printed version and you contact us, we will provide you one. However, the cost savings of going green, coupled with the dues increase is intended to provide more club-provided events for members.

Please be sure that we have your current email address. Send an email to Sandy Bruso, our Membership Chair, at: sandy.bruso@redcross.org with your current email address. Thank you!



More Highlights from Octoberfest ...

After the Fun Run, about 55 attendees enjoyed brats, sausages, beer, soft drinks and great conversation. John Krecek served as the Head Grillmaster, with great assistance from son, Jack, who also did an excellent job serving desserts to all of the tables. (Jack, how many desserts did you try?!)

The highlights of the evening included watching Maverick (one of the Lynch's dogs) try to score food from each table with successes in stealing Larry Anderson's brat bun, and returning to the scene of the crime searching for the brat. He also managed to eat candy corn and peanuts directly from a bowl on one of the tables as well as assorted scraps that fell to the deck.

Bob and Carol Lynch are consummate hosts and are most gracious in opening their home (and lovely deck!) to fellow members. Thanks to both of you for all your time and efforts in preparing for this very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Tom Cooper presented **Jim Avilla** with Enthusiast of the Year award, a well-deserved and sincere recognition of Jim's devotion to the club and its events, as well as his willingness to always help others. Congratulations, Jim! We trust you will proudly display the trophy in your home or office.

If you couldn't make it this year, you won't want to miss this event next year!



Enjoying Octoberfest!
Photos by George Poulos



Got Pics?

While attending a GPR event, feel free to snap some pictures! Send them, along with the names of those in the picture, and a short description of the event, to: gprnewsletter@gmail.com. Your photo might end up in the next issue of Der Skooner!



Der Skooner



Porsche Road Trip

By John Phillips

Are you looking for a nice two day get-away? Something close, yet far enough away that you can air out the Porsche? I have just the trip for you and it is right in our own backyard. Ralph and Teresa Woodard and I recently set off on this two day adventure and when completed it seemed we had been gone a week. It is something I can strongly recommend to you.

You will begin your journey by taking Interstate 680 to Crescent, Iowa. For those familiar with the Loess Hills, find highway L 34 and enjoy the scenic winding roads to Beebeetown, IA. Sadly, Uncle Mike's is closed and was the site of many Porsche gatherings in the past. Continue on L 34 to scenic highway 30 and north to highway 44 east. This is a nice rolling hills road through the Iowa farmland.

About now, we were ready for lunch and stopped in Elk Horn, IA off highway 173. This is the site of the Danish Villages and host to the only authentic operating Danish Windmill in the United States. It was purchased from Denmark and shipped and reconstructed in 1976. Lunch at The Danish Inn with frikadeller, medisterpølse, rockall (not roadkill) and plenty of desserts was followed by a tour of the Museum of Danish America.

From Elk Horn, we continued east on highway 44 to the town of Panora and beautiful Lake Panorama, IA. We took a quick drive around the lake and then headed north on highway 4 to highway 141 and east to our evening destination of Perry, IA. We traveled about 140 miles in four hours. In Perry, you will be impressed with The Hotel Pattee, "A Destination Unto Itself!" It is one of the few hotels where every room and suite tells its own story. There are forty individually

decorated and themed guest rooms. I stayed in the Farmhouse Room; Ralph and Teresa stayed in the Quilt Room.



Ralph & Teresa Woodard in front of one of the bridges of Madison County

After checking in, we met in the Inter Urban Lounge and were served by Jay Hartz, the owner of the hotel, who gave us a history of the town and the hotel. We had an excellent dinner at their nationally recognized restaurant, "David's Milwaukee Diner." You can also enjoy a soothing spa, tranquil library and

even a quaint two-lane bowling alley.

The following morning, Ralph and Teresa had an excellent breakfast in the Hotel and I wandered down the street to a family bakery with homemade cinnamon rolls and fresh coffee. Then it was back on the road. We took highway 169 south and stopped at one of the Bridges of Madison County. Continuing south we arrived in Winterset, IA and had a visit with the Duke. John Wayne's birthplace is in Winterset and along with the home there is a nice museum. I can't tell you how many times I have traveled Interstate 80 and seen the sign for Winterset and the birthplace of John Wayne. I finally stopped and visited!

We had planned on returning to Omaha on highway 92 but it was under construction so we made a beeline home on I-80. This was a wonderful two day trip full of good roads, interesting attractions, fine dining and a wonderful overnight stay at one of the finest boutique hotels in the United States. Give it a try.



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The Great Plains Region PCA Board met Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at the residence of Joe Chambers.

Members in attendance: Tom Cooper, John Krecek, Sandy Bruso, Brian Tessman, Kim Burger, Sally Knapp, Bob Lynch, Melinda Halvorson, Kurt Halvorson, Joe Chambers, and Eric Elliott

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

President: A new member reception will be held October 14 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at Porsche of Omaha. The fun run to Breezy Hills had six cars. 2015 driving events include two events at Hastings, and a potential two events at MAM. We haven't gotten confirmation from MAM on dates yet. There is a possible conflict with our preferred May DE date. The board discussed alternative options to the May MAM DE, including moving the DE to late April, or moving the DE to Hastings. We will wait to hear from MAM before making a decision. John K. is still working on a place to hold the Tire Rack Teen Driving event. Several possible locations were discussed. John will follow up and update us next month. An instructor continuing ed course with a one-day agenda was discussed. We would like to hold it on a Saturday at MAM, will look at a late April date. There is new national PCA staff in place for various positions.

Registrar: All 2014 driving events are complete. The MAM Fall Finale DE had 38 cars at the event.

Club Race Chair: 2015 Club Race dates are set at Hastings.

Treasurer: The monthly report was sent via email.

Social: We have a new event for the calendar, which is Roland Manarin's 70th Birthday party on November 1st. Fun Run and Beer & Brats event is this weekend. The Blue Man Group, new member reception, and Rockettes events are coming up. The Holiday Party is January 31st, 2015. The club will cover the cost of dinner for members whose dues are current, with a cash bar.

Membership: We have 240 national members and 109 GPR members. New members Hollis Dickerson, and Frank McArthur, and membership renewal of Larry Ziman were approved. Dues for 2015 were discussed, and the board voted 5-3 in favor of raising 2015 dues to \$30.

Safety: Insurance has been obtained for the upcoming Fun Run.

Newsletter: New newsletter editor Melinda Halvorson presented the board with proposed changes to the newsletter. We will have separate November and December issues. Deadline for the November issue is October 15th. The board approved a motion to switch to an electronic-only PDF version of the newsletter for 2015.

Website: Roland's birthday event will be added to the website.

Past President: No report.

Old/New Business: Medallions were given to contributors this year, it was discussed that we should think of something else to give contributors for next year. Several ideas were discussed.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 4, at 6:00 PM at the residence of Bob Lynch.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Elliott

GPR Board Meetings are open to all current GPR members.

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