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## Revs Institute Visit

By Steve Gehring

While my wife and I were on vacation in Florida in February, I had the opportunity to visit a wonderful automobile collection in Naples operated by the Revs Institute for Automotive Research, Inc. The Revs Institute was started by Miles Collier, a wealthy real estate investor and entrepreneur, his brothers Sam and Baron Collier, and Briggs Cunningham. The Institute has been around for a number of years as an outstanding source of historic automobile photographs and documents. Its archives contain more than 700,000 photographs from the

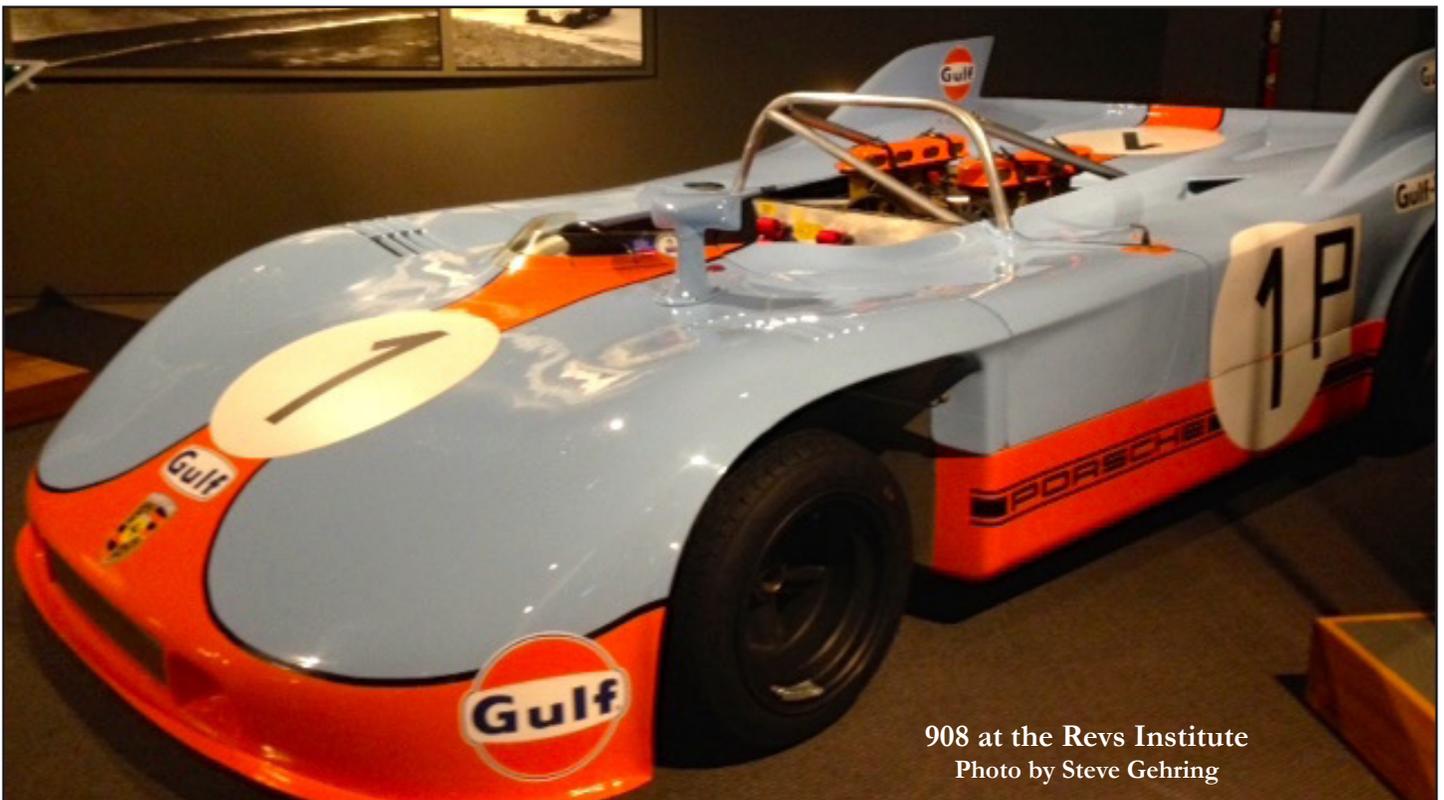
turn of the 20th Century forward, for use by automotive scholars. It also sponsors educational classes at Stanford University. It only recently has become open to the public. A reservation is needed for viewing its collection of over 100 automobiles built between 1896 and 1995. Many are rare; most are racing cars.

Of its four main sections, there is only one dedicated to a brand and that is Porsche. I toured the Institute with a good friend who had alerted me to it, a retired CPA, great racing fan, and former 944 and BMW

motorcycle owner. He also was an expert aerobatic pilot, flying a Russian Sukhoi. Amazing for a CPA! For over two and a half hours, we were fascinated by the wonderful state of restoration of the automobiles, all of which run, all of which are driven on a regular basis, and some of which are raced.

Through very knowledgeable docents, we were regaled with the history of the cars as well as some of the famous and not so famous drivers. We picked up the follow-

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908 at the Revs Institute  
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**THE DRIVER'S SEAT**

By Kurt Halvorson

Who knew last month at this time we'd now be enjoying above average temps upon the arrival of Spring? The warmth of the sun and longer days have drawn my Porsches out of hibernation to squint at the sun and get back on the street. Although the condition of our streets is abysmal at best, I was encouraged by the fact the City of Omaha did not put down sand and gravel this winter season. I guess there is a silver lining in every cloud. Here's hoping you've gotten yours out and are enjoying the thrill and engagement our Porsches have to offer.

Registration for the annual Porsche Parade – the gathering of all things Porsche – opened on the 17th. If you are interested in going, I highly encourage you to register ASAP. This year is the celebration of 60 years of the PCA, so it is expected to sell out. It will be located in the Hoosier National Forest in southern Indiana in the town of French Lick, so it proves to be a spectacularly beautiful location to boot. Details can be found at PCA.org.

Featured articles this month include Steve Gehring's trip to the Revs Institute for Automotive Research, Inc. in Naples, Florida (cover story), the role of our Registrar by Joe Chambers, as well as a must read for anyone considering a DE, authored by Carol Lynch.

Finally, we all seem to have a bucket list, those things we plan or

hope to do before we pass away. This month I was able to check a bucket list item off my list by attending the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. The Concours is held at The Ritz-Carlton and The Golf Club of Amelia Island, beginning 20 years ago in 1996. Attendance has grown to over 25,000 for the weekend in its 20 years of existence. The formal Concours takes place Sunday, with auctions from RM Sotheby's, Gooding, Bonhams, and Auto Retro taking place from Thursday to Saturday.

The main event on Sunday featured a tribute to the over 25 race cars of Sterling Moss, who was on hand to drive his Mercedes race car for the first time in 60 years since he drove it to victory and a record (which still stands today) in the Mille Miglia. It was a thrill to see the man who was a larger than life figure to me as a boy growing up loving racing and slot cars.

Other featured marques included the Porsche 914 along with the BMW 328 of yore. The requisite super car marques were on hand with new variants of Lamborghinis, Jaguars and Porsches to drive, if you had the legs to stand in line most of the day for a test drive.

The caliber of cars presented was second to none, and the collage on page 13 represents some of the more important Porsches on display throughout the weekend.

Enjoy this month's issue!

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**PORSCHE**

(Revs Institute, continued from Page 1)

ing trivia from three of the cars on display:

- **The Ford GT 40** received its numerical designation because it was 40 inches high.
- **The Mercedes SSK** was the last car designed by Ferdinand Porsche while he was working for Mercedes Benz.
- **“It’s a doosie”** came from the Dusenberg nicknamed “Dusey”, designating something exceptional and of high interest.

The Porsche collection was exceptional. While it is not possible to describe all of the Porsches, here are snapshots of six featured cars:

- **1958 Carrera GT Sportster**  
This was Bruce Jennings’ car, and he named it Mehidabel (I don’t know if it was named after the Philadelphia cat made somewhat famous in a 1955 photo shoot playing with nine toy poodles). Jennings said that the car wasn’t different from other Carrera GTs, but it was just plain fast. The car won 67 SCCA victories before retiring.
- **1958 Behra FII**  
This is an amazing little racer, weigh-

ing 1190 pounds with 150 horsepower. It was named for Jean Behra, Ferrari’s number one F 1 driver. It was driven in the 1959 Reims Formula 2 event, and finished second overall behind Sterling Moss’s Cooper Borgward. Although it was not driven by Behra, it beat all of the Ferraris in the race. Enzo apparently was not amused and parted company that year with Behra.

- **1964 904 Carrera GT**  
The GT weighs 1435 pounds and has 180 horsepower. It is considered by many to be the best road Porsche of all time. It was suggested that the new 911-based engine be used in the car but it was deemed untried and potentially unreliable. The 904 was designed by “Butzi” Porsche. In 1966, it was swept out of the Porsche lineup by cousin Ferdinand Piech’s 911 Carrera 6.

- **1969 917 PA**  
This fascinating machine weighs 1780 pounds and develops a muscular 580 horsepower. Porsche basically took a 917, sheared off the top, and used a 908/2-inspired body. In its original formulation, it gave away 200 pounds and 250 horsepower to the McLarens in the CanAm competition. The car on display at the Institute was acquired by Vasek Polak and converted to a 917/10, with 1100 turbo’d horsepower. In

1973, the 917s were so dominant that they destroyed CanAm racing.

- **1971 908/3 prototype Gulf Livery** (Pictured on Page 1)  
It was designed by Porsche to win only two races – the Targa Florio and Nurburgring, where the 917 did not excel. It weighs in at 1200 pounds and has 360 horsepower. Because of its extraordinary lightness (due to its frame construction), pundits predicted that all of these would break under race conditions. The 908/3 finished first and second in both races. In fact, these fantastic cars won 75% of all races in which they were entered.

- **1964 Type 911, a-Series**  
This beautiful black and white 911, designated the Autohaus number 18, was the subject of the feature article in the most recent Panorama magazine. I was surprised and pleased to see it in this collection. It is the first 911 to win an official race in the United States.

If you are in the Naples area, get on the website, [www.revsinstitute.org](http://www.revsinstitute.org) and make a reservation. Docent tours are \$20 (reserve early) and general are \$17 - a real bargain.

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# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April

11 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I Space is limited - please RSVP to Kim Burger: <a href="mailto:kmburger37@icloud.com">kmburger37@icloud.com</a> by Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> .	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
12 <sup>th</sup>	RPM Spring Clean Up Day Lend a hand to get the track looking good! See Page 6.	Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM)	10:00 am
25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling DE Register NOW on <a href="http://ClubRegistration.net">ClubRegistration.net</a> ! Join us for a Club dinner at Bob & Carol Lynch's home the night of the 25 <sup>th</sup> . See Page 8.	RPM	

## May

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night See Page 7 for more info.	South 48 <sup>th</sup> Street & Highway 2, Lincoln	6 - 9:00 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced DE Registration opens April 14 <sup>th</sup> on <a href="http://ClubRegistration.net">ClubRegistration.net</a> .	Motorsport Park Hastings (MPH)	

## June

13 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
15 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nord Stern Road American DE - Annual Cheese Fling - Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI		
21 <sup>st</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	2015 Porsche Parade Register at <a href="http://parade2015.pca.org">parade2015.pca.org</a> .	French Lick, Indiana	

## July

11 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
18 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fun DE Registration opens June 1 <sup>st</sup> .	MPH	
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Nord Stern Club Race/DE	Brainerd International Raceway	

## August

8 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night	South 48 <sup>th</sup> Street & Highway 2, Lincoln	6 - 9:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2nd Annual GPR Golf Outing	Oak Hills Country Club, Omaha	1:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	LCM Show 'N Shine*	1200 N. 181 <sup>st</sup> Court, Elkhorn	12 - 3:00 pm

## September

12 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
13 <sup>th</sup>	All-European Show & Shine*	Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha	12:00 - 3:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Finale DE Registration opens August 1 <sup>st</sup> .	RPM	

## October

1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Escape to Rushmore 2015 Go to: <a href="http://escape2015.pca.org">escape2015.pca.org</a> for more information. Registration opens mid-July.	Black Hills of South Dakota	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am

Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com)

\*=Not a GPR/PCA sponsored event

# Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Nights Are Back!

By Ken Kusik

The neon nostalgia event of the summer is back! Show 'N Shine Cruise Nights return for its remarkable 21st season!



Started back in 1995, it is the longest running GPR summer social event and gives members and enthusiasts a venue to gather and show their cars. Now in its all-Euro format, everything from a Porsche to Lamborghini and anything in between may come. Relive the great days of cruising and cheap gas, jukeboxes and drive-in movies. Grab your Beach Boy 8 tracks and best girl and come on out. We'll be serving up some big fun and **half price food** for everyone, too!

Mark your calendar for the following Saturday nights: **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The south Sonic Drive-In in Lincoln at Highway 2 and South 48th Street is the place to be from **6 to 9:00 PM**. Come and go as you like.



## SPRING CLEAN

There will be a track clean up day at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM, formerly MAM) on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** starting at **10 am**, which will leave you time to attend the early service at the church of your choice, and still make it to the track. Some of the projects are cleaning up the concession stand and surrounding area, and painting various areas around the track. The GPR is asking our members to provide physical support for this project.

Please contact Tom Cooper at [tcooper40@cox.net](mailto:tcooper40@cox.net) if you can come out and lend a hand. Let's show that we want the facility to once again be a shining star in the Midwest.

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# What Does a Registrar Do?

By Joe Chambers

Porsches are coming! For us the anticipation of another Porsche season is starting to build. February is behind us and the days are getting longer. There is still enough salt and gravel on the roads that we know it is too early to get the P Car on the road just yet, but we know the days are numbered and we will soon be back behind the wheel of our favorite brand.

The GPR Porsche Club Board of Directors hit the ground running January 6th planning the DEs and the Club Race for 2015. First up is the Spring Fling at RPM on April 25 and 26. Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM) is the new name for MAM (RPM information is available on the old MAM site <http://www.midamericamotorplex.com/site/about> for the remainder of 2015 while they transition to the new name.) The new owners of RPM have committed to making improvements to the track and facilities in an effort to restore the driving experience to the level it was when the track first opened. We are looking forward to supporting them and helping them succeed so they can maintain a viable operation that allows us to enjoy our passion for driving. Information for the Spring Fling is viewable at ClubRegistration.net. Registration opened March 14.

How do we determine fees? The event fees were set and approved by the Board of Directors in February. We strive to keep the fees as low as possible with the goal of having the event at least cover its own costs. Expenses generally include track rental, corner workers, ambulance,

tow truck and insurance.

I am entering my second year as the Great Plains Region registrar. The registrar starts by entering an event into ClubRegistration.net. Once a participant enters their information, I review it for car type, experience, GPR membership and payment. Per GPR policy, your registration is only “verified” after payment is received. (Non-GPR members are required to purchase an annual Associate Membership for \$10.) Based upon car type, horsepower and experience you are assigned to a run group. Using your registration information, an “Entry Form” is created. The entry form is the official record of your participation and is retained for several years. It is what you sign, along with a release form, when you arrive at the event and receive your registration packet. The registrar creates the items included in your packets: name tags, car numbers, track maps, track schedules, tech forms, list of participants and maps to any Saturday night post track events. From the start of registration through the end of the day on Sunday of the DE, the registrar is available to help you in any way possible.

## Driving Events for 2015:

### Spring Fling at RPM

April 25 & 26  
Register NOW!

### Carrera GT Club Race and Advanced DE at MPH (Hastings)

May 29, 30 & 31  
Registration opens April 14<sup>th</sup>  
on ClubRegistration.net

## Summer Fun DE at MPH

July 18 & 19

Registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup>  
on ClubRegistration.net

## Fall Finale DE at RPM

September 19 & 20

Registration opens August 1<sup>st</sup>  
on ClubRegistration.net

Many of you know that driving your Porsche on a road course can be a fun and rewarding experience. Some of you may be curious and considering giving a DE a try. The Club has certified driving instructors waiting to help you make this dream a reality. Regardless of your status, we look forward to seeing you at one or all of the events listed above. Please contact me if you have any questions - 402.250.7032 (c).

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# Ohhhhhhhhhhhhh, this button really does means what it says!\*

By Carol Lynch

It was never on my bucket list.

It was something that my husband did. He had always wanted to do it but his work did not allow him the time. In retirement he was able to enjoy the opportunity of the Porsche DE. I looked upon the time he spent at the track as my time to do things that I enjoyed – go to movies, read a book, or have a long lunch with friends.

And then my yellow baby car arrived. A 2014 Porsche Cayman S with a PDK transmission. The PDK was the secret – I did not have to shift – the car did it all – better than I could. Now this was my opportunity! Except I arrived at the track after driving this fancy computer with wheels only three times. This was not good planning. I was still learning about the car and I have to say it was rather intimidating. So many buttons and one of them probably ejects me from the driver's seat. No, that button just disengages the mechanism where when you came to a full stop, like at a light, it turns the engine off. Feeling rather stupid at the light when I think the car has died and really all I had to do was push the accelerator. Yup, looking pretty blonde. But really, don't you think someone might have mentioned that amazing fuel saving innovation? Note to self, do not use this feature at the race track.

But the thought of driving a car fast around a track with other cars – especially guys and all of that testosterone – was pretty scary. They tell me that I looked 'green' at the driver's meeting Saturday morning.

I was so apprehensive. I had no idea what to expect. Would my brain work and remember what we went over in class, let alone how would my body respond to what I needed to do while driving? Heck, I am not sure sometimes why I walk into a room any more . . . Anyway, the members of GPR/PCA went out of their way to make my first DE an excellent experience. So much so that I have now completed three club driving events.

Our novice group was all women and we had an excellent instructor in Denny Strauss. He is a former racer who likes to teach, besides the fact that he is just a nice guy! Except for one, the other ladies in my group were just as inexperienced as I was. Kelly Schlott had driven before and she was proof that a day at the track could be survived.

The first thing we learned was how to put on our helmets. I have come to think of 'Helmet Hair' as quite stylish! We learned about the flags, the entrance – apex – and exit of a corner, about making a curved line straight – how to hold the wheel and that your foot was either on the accelerator or the brake – you never coast. We also learned about 'agricultural driving'. Which is not recommended but occasionally unavoidable.

Now out of the classroom, off to the track and a day of driving. Each novice has an instructor and they are very brave individuals! They actually encourage you to exit your comfort zone, which is about 50 mph. Their goal is to have you 'doing a buck

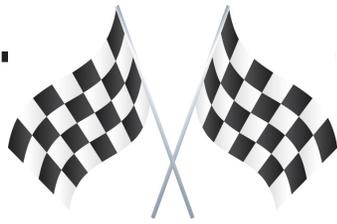
and a quarter' on the long straight a way before you go into the first three curves. These dudes, and one dudette, are crazy. But they are all confident of their own driving experience and the knowledge that they can talk anyone around a track – without a brake and steering wheel on their side of the car.

On day two after lunch, the novice is allowed on the track alone in their car. I was not going without my instructor! But numerous people came up to me and told me I could do it alone. Then one of my classmates said "We can do this and it is going to be great fun!" Well, I could not wimp out after that – I drove without my instructor!

It was exhausting. So much concentration – you do something right on one curve and the next three or ten curves you totally screw up. It was fun though – a great challenge. It was an opportunity to try something new in a safe, controlled environment where everyone wanted you to be successful.

I like being on the track alone in my car; I like being successful in one curve out of 14 but I keep going back because I would like to be successful in 10 out of 14. I like having an instructor ride with me intermittently through out the weekend because they push me beyond my 'little old lady out for a Sunday drive' mindset. I am pleased to point other drivers around so they can pass me and have a great drive. I still need to spin my car and do some 'agricultural driving' so I know what that feels like.

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## Register NOW for the Spring Fling DE

April 25th & 26th at RPM (Formerly MAM)

Go to [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net) to register!

## After the First Day of the DE, Please Join Us for Dinner at the Lynch's!

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

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# March GPR Breakfast

Photos by Joe Chambers



There were twenty-one at the March GPR breakfast. Good food and good company ... what could be better on a Saturday morning?

Join us for our next GPR Breakfast on April 11th at 8 AM. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 9th to Kim Burger at [kmburger37@icloud.com](mailto:kmburger37@icloud.com) and let him know you'll be there. It should be great weather to get that Porsche out for a drive!



*(Ohhhh... continued from Page 9)*

I am empowered by my experience on the track and the gift of learning something new. The DE experience allows you to explore the capabilities of your car. The fun of the event is that you spend time with the 'track rats' and learn to appreciate the cars. GPR members are great! When it comes down to it – it is all about the people and those funny cars

Ladies (and Gents!) of the GPR, it is time for you to start your engines! Bring your daily driver out for a Parade Lap at the April 25, 26 DE. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Then sign up for the Hastings or fall DE, rent a helmet from the club and warm up your daily driver. I am pretty sure that if your vehicle passes safety inspection it is welcome on the track. Please come and join me on the track!

\*Sport Plus button is very, very SPORTY!



# AMELIA ISLAND 2015 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Photos by Kurt Halvorson



Dear Great Plains Region Members,

If you joined us for the Annual Winter Party in January, the Fall steak fry, Fall Fun Run and Barbecue, or other events that involved food and friendship, we hope you experienced worthwhile events as a Porsche owner. Quality food, a suitable setting and the time to connect with other Porsche enthusiasts make outstanding events, and we would like to continue and improve them.

In the past, revenue from track events, such as the annual Club Race and Driver Education events have supplied the revenue to cover the cost of social events and an annual community charitable donation.

Sponsors of the Club Race are greatly valued and allow the events to break even. Porsche of Omaha and Warren Distribution as corporate sponsors, our 30+ individual sponsors and the personal generosity of event hosts has allowed members to enjoy themselves with little to no money coming out of their own pockets at social events.

Upon review of the financial status of the GPR, we found that track revenue has decreased over time. We surmise this is due to more tracks and more car clubs offering track events. This competition has greatly reduced income to the club, yet the cost of providing the members with quality events, particularly desired social events, has continued to rise.

With a standard of excellent cars, great social and track events, plus time with other “Porscheophiles” is why we all belong to the GPR!

The GPR needs **your support** to continue the legacy of a great Porsche Club organizing exceptional events.

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Robert Lynch, Treasurer GPR/PCA

6100 Northern Hills Drive

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Questions? Please call Bob at 402-573-1684

# GPR Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club.

Members in attendance: Joe Chambers, Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Tom Cooper, Bob Lynch, Sally Knapp, Steve Gehring. Kim Burger joined by conference telephone. John Krecek, Race Chair also attended.

Secretary: The minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

President: The President met with Mitch Schneringer and Becky Pittack of Woodhouse Porsche. Woodhouse Porsche agreed to be corporate sponsors again for this year.

Past President: The Kansas City Region will be sharing the April DE. A letter or email will memorialize the agreement between the two groups. There was a discussion about adequate meeting space at RPM for the April DE. It was suggested that propane heaters be utilized. If members who plan to attend have heaters, they are asked to contact Sally Knapp.

Treasurer: Income for the month included dues, \$860; annual party, \$685; rebate, \$852.50. Expenses were the annual party (\$4474.75), newsletter (\$47.60). Ending balance: \$65,640.71.

Newsletter: March 15 will be the deadline for April submissions. Two newsletters have been submitted to PCA for the national newsletter contest and feedback. Two articles have been received for the April issue. Carol Lynch will be asked to write an article for those who may be thinking about attending a DE, describing what the experience was like and what to expect. At the suggestion of the Treasurer, the President will prepare an article on the need for donations.

Membership: It was reported that there are 235 national members, 111 of which are GPR members, and of those, 106 are active. Five new national members were added in the last month, one of whom joined GPR. New members are Dani Bapo, Randall Stinnette, William Thoreson, Doug Vander Berg and Steve Williams. There will be outreach efforts for win back on expired memberships.

Registrar: All 2015 GPR events are now listed in ClubRegistration.net. Registration for the April DE begins March 14th and for the DE at MPH, April 27th. A question, not infrequently asked, was raised with the Registrar as to whether people could ride along with drivers at DEs. The answer to the question is that there can only be a passenger if the driver is an authorized instructor and the passenger is a paid registrant.

Social: 26 members attended the February breakfast and RSVPs are requested because of space limitations. The possible Playhouse event was cancelled for lack of registrations. A possible wine tasting event was discussed. The social chair will look at and obtain pricing from other venues and report back.

Safety: Insurance has been applied for with regards to the DEs and the Club Races.

Website: The GPRPCA.com domain has been renewed. All scheduled events are on the website including the dinner after the DE. After discussion, a motion was unanimously approved to utilize Stripe.com for GPR dues. There will be a onetime cost of approximately \$39 for set-up and \$99 per year for the service. A reminder will appear soon on the website for the March breakfast.

Driving Instruction/Race Chair: There was a discussion about the need for a tire service at the Carrera GT at MPH. One tire company that is interested is willing to supply both road tires and track tires at competitive prices if they are pre-ordered, along with mounting and balancing of tires during the race weekend. In order to cover costs and make the event profitable for the company, the company wants guaranteed support of \$2,800. It appeared that the sale of 12 sets of tires would cover that amount. The Board concluded that the Club Race at MPH is a significant event for GPR and the racers need to be provided with all reasonable support including tires. It was unanimously approved to provide up to the \$2,800 of support to the tire company, based upon an accounting of how the tire company fared after the weekend. It was requested that the pricing for mounting and balancing be obtained plus pricing on some standard street and racing tires so that the Board can encourage pre-race ordering.

Old/New Business: There was no other business discussed.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at Oak Hills Country Club.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Gehring, Secretary

GPR Board Meetings are open to all current GPR members.

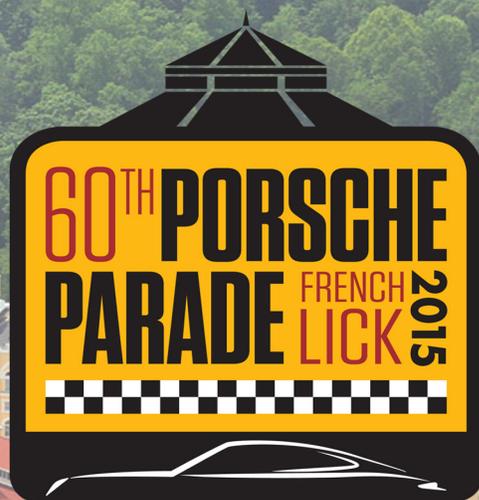
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