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Rare 993 GT2 at RM Auction
Arizona Biltmore
Photo by Kurt Halvorson

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THE DRIVER'S SEAT

By Kurt Halvorson

The calendar says it's late February, which means Spring is coming soon. I'm certain we all agree that we can't wait to get the cars out of the garage onto some cleaner, drier, and hopefully repaired streets (pothole repairs, anyone?). I read where Omaha alone has more than 10,000 unfilled potholes.

This past month saw the culmination of our collective planning come together for the Annual Winter Party on January 23rd. For those of you who were able to join us (78 of you), the feedback we received was that it was a great venue with great food. For those of you who couldn't join us, please plan on attending next year's! It's an event you don't want to miss. See Page 11 for award winners and look for pictures on Pages 13, 15 and 16. Our editor, Melinda Halvorson, put together a slide show of the year's events for 2015 which Eric Elliott, our webmaster, posted on our website if you wish to view it. Go to gprpca.com, click on News and it's right there. Our thanks to Indian Creek in Elkhorn and Hap Abraham Catering in hosting the event.

January also saw the start of racing season for Porsche. The Rolex 24 at Daytona kicked off the year's events

with one of the most famous and longstanding endurance races in history. Porsche managed the pole and second position in rainy qualifying in the GT LeMans class, and managed pole position in the GT Daytona class as well. After a grueling 23 hours, Porsche was leading in the GT LeMans class, but the pace of the Corvettes with fresher tires ultimately led to Porsche taking 3rd in that class, but managing a 2nd place finish in the GT Daytona class. Both were good showings for Porsche – two podiums in two classes is a great start to the year. Last year both GT LeMans cars went out after colliding with each other, resulting in the factory rides clawing their way back the rest of the year to win the championship at the season ending Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta in the wet.

Please refer to our calendar of events in Der Skooner, on our website, and read the emails you receive from Eric Elliott about club events. We want you to participate! We have a car detailing session coming up in March at member Trent Abbott's shop, Veloce Brothers, in Papillion. Please RSVP to Trent if you wish to attend. Refreshments will be served!

See you around the club.
-Kurt

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Membership News

By Sandy Bruso
Membership Chair

Join or renew your GPR membership online. You must be a PCA member (www.pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire December 31st.

Please go to www.gprpca.com and click on the green button:

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If you prefer to pay by check, you may print the online form and mail it in. Please contact Sandy Bruso, Membership Chair, with any questions: 402.612.7931.

Thank You

Thanks for renewing your membership and continuing to be a member of the Great Plains Region!

Is your membership information on the PCA website up to date? Have you sold or bought a new Porsche? No longer have your home phone number? Log in to pca.org to update all of your information in order to continue to receive event emails and Der Skooner.



Please join us in welcoming our new PCA members:

Charlie Bosselman
Richard Carlson
Daniel Surdell

Welcome to our new PCA and GPR member:

Tom Gutzke

Please make them all feel welcome the next time you see them at an event.

Congratulations to our March PCA Anniversaries:

10 Years:
Larry Dean

30 Years:
Ken Kusik

Have you seen the illustrated animation “Evolution of the Porsche 911” video on YouTube from Donut Media?

It's very well done. Check it out:

Go to: www.youtube.com
Search Donut Media, then scroll down and click on the video.

GPR Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event. The magnetic name badges are \$12, which includes shipping to your home. They take about 3 weeks to arrive.

Name badges will be ordered once a month on the last day of each month. If you would like to order one, please contact Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.



Your Name

A Note From Your Editor

By Melinda Halvorson

I just have to share something with you that I observed at our Winter Party on January 23rd. Kurt and I stayed to help get things cleaned up after the party. Pretty much everyone had left, but there were still two couples sitting at one of the tables, talking and having a great time. It seemed they didn't want the evening to end. When we left, they were still there.

That's what makes this club fun. Seeing friends at great events, and making new friends. We all know the Porsche Club of America's tagline: “It's not just the cars, it's the people.” So get involved. Come to events. The more you attend, the more friends you will make. Hope to see you soon!



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Open House and Detailing Session - March 19th



Veloce Brothers LLC, and In The Garage would like to invite you to an open house and detailing session at their facility - **329 Washington St., Papillion** - on **Saturday, March 19th at 9 am.**

Veloce Brothers LLC is a new detail shop in the area with experience in exotics as well as daily drivers utilizing products from Griot's as well as Zymol. They work in conjunction with In The Garage and

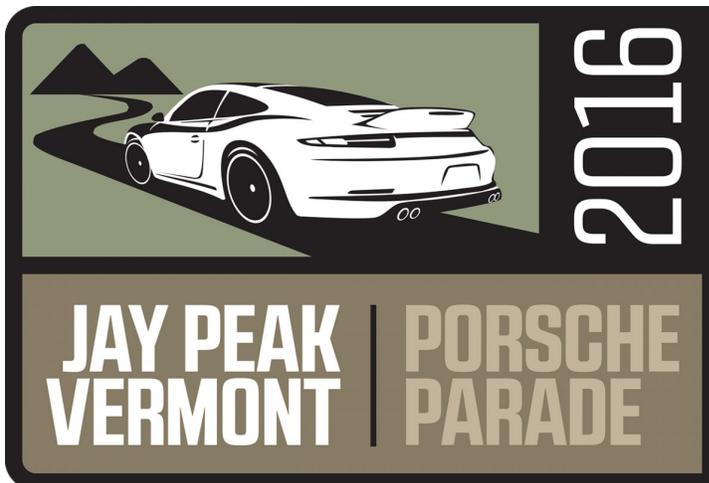
share a location. In The Garage is in the business of outfitting garage spaces with everything from flooring to detail products, cabinets to neon. Anything an enthusiast could want or need in their space.

Refreshments will be provided by the hosts.

Please RSVP to Trent Abbott at trent.abbott@gmail.com by Saturday, March 12th.

Join us for a unique opportunity for a Fun Run, breakfast, and private viewing of the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska on **Saturday, May 14th. We will meet at the Menard's parking lot at 750 N. 205th in Elkhorn, departing for the Fun Run at 7:45 AM SHARP!**

The price will be \$12.50 for breakfast, and \$15 for museum admission. Breakfast will be catered by Chez Hay and will consist of eggs and sausage, pastries, coffee and juice.



You must pre-pay for this event by Friday, May 13th using Stripe on our secure website: gprpca.com and click on the green "RSVP and Pre-Pay for the Museum of American Speed Event" on the home page. This event is limited to the first 30. It's going to be a great morning!

Gotta love a ski resort and a spectacular venue is scheduled for the 2016 Parade! We invite you to join us in the scenic mountains and great back roads of northern Vermont. Jay Peak is the picture of serenity. Go to www.2016parade.pca.org for registration information.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 12th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
RSVP to kmburger37@icloud.com by March 9th.
- 19th Detailing Session - Veloce Brothers LLC 329 S. Washington St., Papillion 9:00 am
See Page 5 for details and RSVP by March 12th to trent.abbott@gmail.com.

April

- 9th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 30th-May 1st Spring Fling Driver Education RPM - Pacific Junction, IA
- 30th Spring Fling party at Upstream Brewing Company - Old Market, Omaha 6:00 pm
See Page 13 for more information. RSVP to kmburger37@icloud.com by April 23rd.

May

- 7th Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - South 48th Street & Highway 2, Lincoln 6-9:00 pm
- 14th Fun Run, Breakfast & Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed, Lincoln 7:45 am
NO Porsches & Pancakes this month. See Page 5 for the details of this event.

June

- 3rd, 4th & 5th Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced Driver Education - MPH - Hastings
- 11th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 19th-26th Porsche Parade 2016 Jay Peak, Vermont
Go to 2016parade.pca.org for information and to register.

July

- 9th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 16th-17th Summer Fun DE MPH
- 27th-31st Rocky Mountain High Way 2016 Colorado Springs, CO
Go to www.rockymtnhwy.com for more information and to register.

August

- 6th Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - South 48th Street & Highway 2, Lincoln 6-9:00 pm
- 13th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 13th-14th Fun Run and Overnight at Hotel Pattee Perry, IA
Only 20 rooms have been reserved for this special event. Put this on your calendar and watch for more information!
- 21st Summerfest Show 'N Shine* 1200 N. 181st Court, Elkhorn 1-3:00 pm

Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: gprpca.com. This is YOUR Club - be a part of it!

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Detroit Auto Show

Article and Photo by Steve Gehring, Secretary

My son Jeff called and said Michael, a business associate of his, wanted to put together a guys' trip to the Detroit Auto Show (more formally known as the North American International Auto Show). Jeff called his best friend who lived in New York and the four of us decided that it just made glorious sense to head north on January 15 to Detroit.

We had two destinations on Friday, the Henry Ford Museum and a tour of the Ford 150 final assembly facility known as the Ford Rouge Factory (named after the Rouge River, and not because it produced all red trucks).

The Henry Ford Museum is really an extremely well done history of American manufacturing and the history. The highlights were the ability to climb around on an Allegheny steam locomotive that is inside the museum and is the biggest piece of equipment I ever saw. In addition, four or five presidential limousines are on display including the one in which JFK was killed. The museum has a DC3 hanging from the ceiling and beautiful Ford Tri-Motor. There is a Corliss SS Stationary steam engine from 1859 driving an iron power wheel which must be 5 feet across and 20 feet in diameter. It is in working order.

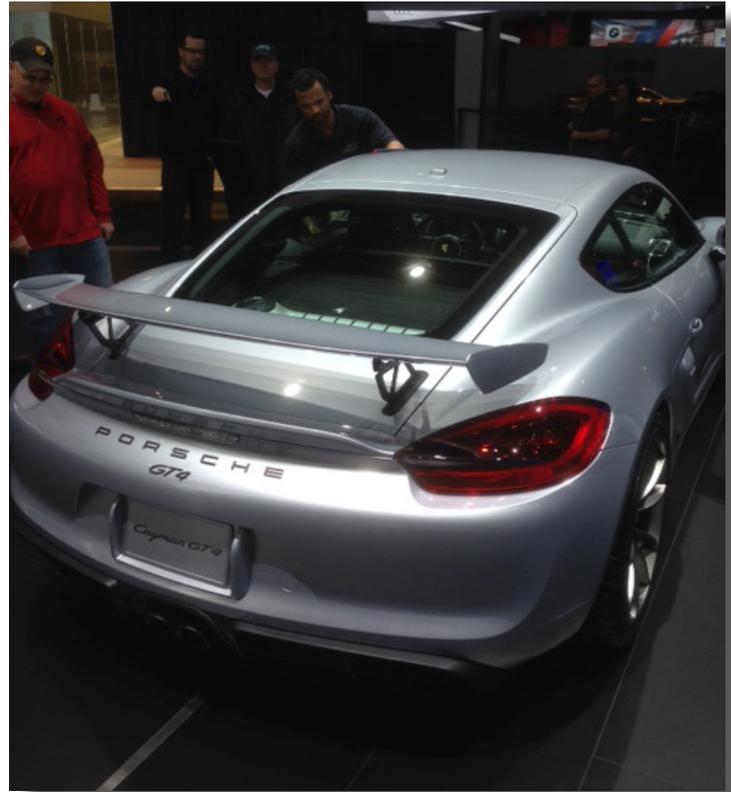
The Rouge Factory tour is a must see for all those who enjoy the marvels of modern industrial engineering. The plant, which replaces the original brick plant built by Henry Ford in 1915, is a million square feet of no-wasted space. 600 completed Ford 150s roll out of the plant every

10 hour shift. Bill Ford wanted the public to see this process and built a 1/3-mile catwalk where the public can view a part of the final assembly process for the trucks, color added by very knowledgeable docents.

Saturday morning we hit the Auto Show

shortly after 9:00. I strongly recommend this as the morning traffic was not overwhelming and allowed us to get to the various displays with ease. The show was held at the 725,000 square foot Cobo Center in downtown Detroit (the name is not an acronym but simply named for the guy who was Mayor when the center was built). The show featured over 750 vehicles and is an overwhelming site when you walk onto the arena floor.

The first vehicle we encountered entering the arena was the Mercedes Maybach. We collectively concluded that we would have approved of Mercedes' earlier decision to permanently abandon this model. Porsche's new favorite color is Graphite Blue Metallic because they displayed four cars in that color. The new Targa and the Turbo (which I refer to as the Turbo Turbo) was displayed in this color. Curiously, there was no Racing Yellow, Guards Red, or Miami Blue. It was however great fun



to see the new models.

As we were completing the BMW booth, looking at their striking blue and white i8, someone said, "Let's go check out the Ferrari booth". That was fine except Ferrari was not exhibiting. Across the aisle however was a gorgeous yellow on black 488 GTB smiling at us. We wandered over in time for a Brembo technician to explain to an enthusiast, "Yes those brand new Brembos are in production and we can supply those to you for only \$14,000 per axle." Woof!

Seeing the new Acura NSX in gleaming white was fun along with the striking 6 foot tall blonde who worked for Acura and knew the car backwards and forwards. Acura also had a new prototype on display with a color comparable to candy apple red that looked like you could just walk into it and disappear. We

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Atlanta 2016

Article and Photos by John Krecek, Chief Driving Instructor

I am on PCA's National Driver Education Committee. We are a group of people from around the US who determine when changes need to be made to the Driver's Education program and to share best practices across the country. Our club is huge and our Driver's Ed program has a lot of diversity from east to west. Everything from events that sell out in minutes at max capacity to events with ample track space. From venues where it is hard to hit something to a lot of opportunity to research new body shops because of contact with walls or worse.

opportunity to tour the Porsche Experience. If you have not had the chance to...well...experience it, you need to. They are located at the end of the Atlanta airport runway (with odd FAA security regulations to enter). They have their own test track, models (1:1 scale and 1:40 scale) from every generation on display; everything about the facility was an exercise in attention to detail. The restaurant, 356, was fantastic with attention to detail and stunning views of the airport and test track. The facility has a garage where the top Porsche mechanics can work



This year our committee met alongside the National Board of Directors from PCA. The meeting was in warm and sunny Atlanta – unfortunately, it was the time the East coast blizzard swept in. Listening to the news you would think this was the end of civilization. So we saw snow, ice, cold temps and travel delays. I felt right at home. Wishing I drove the 911 with Blizzaks...

On Saturday night we had the

on your car from complete engine rebuilds or restoration to an oil change. They politely declined the pointed question of “What does an oil change cost?” from one of the attendees. Their hope is to have a part of the garage where you can store your private car and they can maintain it for you.

Take your turn on some of the most realistic racing simulators I have yet

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hope it hits the market. Miata was displaying its new MX5 track model in full livery which it will deliver for \$53,000. In person, it looked like it would be great fun to drive. Ford which virtually owns the suburb of Dearborn had two beautiful new GT's on display, one is full Ford racing livery and one in white.

I particularly enjoyed the Lexus display, having an RX as a daily driver. Lexus was probably introducing its new LC500, which is going to be the production model for the LFA introduced in 2012. Its front engine, rear wheel drive 467 horsepower V8 with a 10-speed automatic transmission should have a lot of appeal at a starting price of approximately \$100,000.

Other than being intrigued by a recent Mercedes F1 Silver Arrow mounted flat to the wall in the Mercedes display, one of most intriguing exhibits was Alfa Romeo in classic Italian manner, Alfa had its four-seat Coupe and Spider and Giulia Quadrifoglio being presented by three young women in identical little black dresses that apparently had been put on in the Alfa paint booth using no more than 3 or 4 ounces of paint. Collectively, we marveled at the Italian engineering and were also intrigued by the Quadrifoglio which was touted as the world's fastest production four-door sedan.

The show was a great experience and whetted our appetite for another show like the San Francisco International where Lamborghini, Lotus, Pagani, Jaguar, and Bugatti display.

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to see. Porsche models of course. The pedals even have the exact resistance you will find on a real Porsche. They are so realistic that some people feel serious motion sickness. A driver's lounge with the latest high end car mags and sound piped in from the test track complete the afternoon for visitors.



904

The building is multi level and LEED certified with jaw-dropping architecture. When walking through parts of the building, you can hear the cars from the track pulling up right below you, reverberating throughout the area.

There is a new car customization lounge where you can pick out all the details of your new car and see it on a huge screen. Touch all of the samples including the Liquid Metal Silver color paint - \$50,000 option if I heard it correctly. As icing on the cake, you can take delivery of your new Porsche at the facility and take a similar model around the test track to get the feel of the model at full-tilt, without worrying about break in. Then drive it home or have

it shipped – yeah right.

They had a fleet of test drivers at our disposal who ran us through the gauntlet – see the photo for part of the track. They have a skid pad, road course, tilt table, Off road section and fun straight aways. The test drivers had experience levels from high to better than average. I think my driver did not have much experience in truly hanging out, the tail on a 911

to get a perfect 720 degree drift, but with the resources there I am sure he will be a pro in a matter of weeks.

If you find exhilaration in designing your next new Porsche, you really should consider a trip there. Talk to

Mitch at Porsche Omaha to arrange this. You can customize every detail and see it before you buy it. You can schedule track time with an instructor on the track, experience a fantastic dining experience. Make an entire day of it – like pampering yourself in a much longer lasting way. All of this is only ½ mile from the Marriott at the Atlanta Airport. Think about it. If I was inclined to purchase a new

New Snell Helmet Ratings

By Sally Knapp
Safety Chair

As of June 1, 2016 all helmets must be **Snell 2010** rated or better. That means there must be a **SA2010, SA2015, or SAH2015** label somewhere on your helmet. Snell 2015 helmets are currently available online or at Speedway in Lincoln. As in the past, motorcycle helmets are not allowed. If your helmet has a M2010 or M2015 sticker, you won't be able to use it.

vehicle I think I would choose this option over European delivery. If you would like a tour guide, please give me a call. I would be happy to help you on your trip.

Catch you in the Curves!

GT3RS



2016 Winter Party - A New Venue

By Kim Burger, Social Chair

As a club, we have enjoyed a number of very well done holiday parties at the Oak Hills Country Club but this year the decision was made to mix it up a bit. Based on the responses that were given the night of the party and those provided since that time via email, it appears that the change was well received.

This year we decided to move our signature dinner event to The Club at Indian Creek which automatically included Hap Abraham Catering as our meal provider. The facility was very nice and well organized and I again want to thank the event staff at Indian Creek as well as the service staff from Hap Abraham. The meals were delicious and well served. I hope all who attended felt their food and experience was as good as I perceived but please let me know if you feel we could provide a better venue or event for next year.

I also want to say hats off to our Newsletter Editor, Melinda Halvorson, for the year in review slide show and accompanying back-

ground music that ran during the social hour and dinner.

The membership turnout was great with 78 total guests in attendance and only three cancellations from our RSVP list of 81. The check-in process went very well and I thought the social hour was a good experience for everyone.

After our dessert the awards presentation included the normal series of sincere and off the cuff awards:

David Adler

Most Improved Driver

Rick Mourey

Enthusiast of the Year

Rick Mourey

Dumkopf Award

(The old phones were connected to the wall and hard to lose!)

Abe Schlott

Aw Nuts Award

(Drive your wheels off, Abe!)

After the awards we proceeded to our raffle and special thanks to **Porsche Omaha** for the donation of calendars and of course their normal sponsorship support which contributes to our ability to have the Winter Party. And let's not forget a special call out to **Denny Strauss** for his donation of excellent vintage car photos to really add a special flair to our raffle. Denny and Chris have long been loyal and dedicated supporters of the club and our activities. Thank you, Denny, for sharing your love of cars and photography with the club.

With a wrap up including a wish for a careful drive home we ended our Winter Party and look forward to the next event where we share our love of cars and renew the relationships we have developed through the commonality of the marque.

Let us know how we can improve our events and have a happy 2016 driving your car(s).



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Make Plans for the Spring Fling Social - April 30th

By Kim Burger, Social Chair

In conjunction with the Spring Fling DE this year we will once again have a social event on **Saturday evening, April 30th beginning at 6:00 PM.**

The event last year which was hosted by Bob and Carol Lynch was well attended and a hit. We hope to provide an equally satisfying event with a small change of venue.

This year we will have the social at the **Upstream Brewing Company in the Old Market area of downtown Omaha.** The plan is to have a cash bar with a dinner buffet to

follow in the Party Room downstairs from the Upstream Brewing Company restaurant. This event is open to all current members in good standing with the Great Plains Region and for those who are registered participants in the DE this weekend.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Fling Social and bring your appetites for an evening of good food and social interaction with your old friends and the new friends you will meet with the GPR/PCA.

Please RSVP to Kim Burger at kmburger37@icloud.com by Saturday, April 23rd.

**April 30, 2016
6:00 PM**

**Upstream Brewing Company
(Old Market Location)
Party Room
514 South 11th
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Winter Party Award Winners



Rick Mourey

with Kurt Halvorson, GPR President
Enthusiast of the Year



David Adler

with Kurt Halvorson and Sally Knapp, Safety Chair
Most Improved Driver

More pictures on Pages 15 and 16

912E Project Car

By Abe Schlott, GPR Member

Health update: the blood disease that infected me years ago with the purchase of my first 911, a 1987 Targa, is now apparently advancing to its final stages. At Hallet Raceway last October for the year's final DE, I was mesmerized as Robert Wyman's "Pumpkin", an orange 1970's era 930 Turbo, passed the entire field of modern, track-prepped DE cars, including my own 3.8L Boxster S and a heavily-modified 996 GT3 from Texas. Having traded my '87 911 for a now embarrassingly paltry sum years ago and not since being able to find my first love and buy it back, I have been looking for the right time to find another old air-cooled 911. As many of you know, the driving experience is just too visceral to be away from for long. While watching Sally Knapp race, I texted my buddy Jake Raby and asked if he had time for a special winter project. When I told him I wanted to build an ultimate 930 wide body RSR, he was excited because air cooled 911's are his specialty. He even told me he had

the perfect rolling chassis from which to start - a no rust, 1976 912E that had been abandoned by a previous customer and left to sit in storage for 14 years. Not to mention, the price was right at only \$6500 including a very beefy rally spec roll cage. (I'll not be sharing all the expenses of this project, only those that make the project seem like a good deal.) For those of you who aren't familiar with the 912E, (E for Einspritzung fuel injection) it was a one-year-only (1976) model, based on the 911S of that year, with a 4 cylinder Type IV Porsche/VW engine. Sold only in the USA, Porsche produced only 2099 of these cars. The story has it that when Porsche ceased production of the 914, some 2,099 4 cylinder 914 motors were left over.

Fitting these 4-cylinder motors into the back of a 911S created the limited production run of these 912Es. The fittings were slightly simpler in this model "although in terms of materials, trim and finishing the 912E is of high Porsche quality", decided American Road & Track magazine. Their test driver notched a 9.7 second 0-60 time,



993 Turbo Big Red brakes

calling the "E" the prototypical road car: "comfortable where the (Turbo) Carrera is harsh, rational where the Carrera is excessive."

The goal of this build is to make the car light as possible, so the final power to weight ratio will be far superior to the modern cars. While shaving as much weight as I could for track days from my 2007 Cayman S, I could only achieve a minimum weight of 3000 lbs. The 912E should finish out closer to 2000-2100 lbs once all the fiberglass body panels and lexan windows have been fitted! We then got to work sourcing all the fun parts - engine, transmission, suspension, brakes, etc... More updates to come in future articles as the project progresses, but a late model 993 3.6L flat 6 with vario-ram intake was located to serve as the basis for the power plant. It is currently in Georgia at Flat 6 Innovations skunk werks lab, being bored out and hand built by Jake Raby himself. To get the chassis build underway in parallel with the motor, and to enable frequent trips

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Winter Party Award Winners and GPR Board Members



Abe Schlott
with Kurt Halvorson
Aw Nuts Award



Rick Mourey
with Kim Burger, Social Chair, and Kurt Halvorson
Dumkopf Award



Your 2016 GPR Board

Photo by Cindy Chambers

Left to Right: Tom Cooper, Sally Knapp, Russ Rabeler, Joe Chambers, Kim Burger, Melinda Halvorson, Kurt Halvorson

Not pictured: Sandy Bruso, Eric Elliott, Steve Gehring

More Winter Party Pictures



L to R: Russ Rabeler, Kim Burger, Kurt Halvorson



L to R: Ann Burger, Cindy Chambers, Linda Burt



Denny Strauss's photography up for raffle



Julie & Pete Jardine



Walt Wood & Glo McDaniel

L to R: Tom Cooper, Terry Lessmann, Steve Bartlett, Alexey & Jamie Afanasiev, Kayleen & Larry Ziman, Karen Cooper



Below: Steve Gallagher, Andy Hipwell, Kelly & Brian Weisenberg, Emily & Jason Bien, Jeff Gehring, Sherri Hinkel

L to R: Susan Wooldridge, Linda Sena, Patti Adler



Member Rides



John Marchant's 60 Years of Collector Cars

"A 1983 Porsche 911SC Cabriolet, a 1993 Porsche RS America, and a 1933 Ford Model 40. They share more in common than might be expected: they are all low, loud, impractical, "hot rods" in basic colors." - John Marchant

Do you have a good picture of your Porsche(s)? Email a JPG file to Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.

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to access progress and make decisions, I towed the Chassis to Rennsport KC in Kansas City, MO. Karl Wilen, proprietor, has worked with me every step of the way to determine the best suspension (as recommended by Chuck at Elephant Racing), brakes (993 Turbo "Big Red" rotors and calipers, transmission (G50 5 speed since converted to a short nose to fit into the 912E), and body work - all fiberglass panels - to minimize weight and select the proper 930 RSR wide body kit to maximize the amount of rubber that can be fitted underneath. While more updates will be forthcoming in future issues of Der Skooner as the project progresses, on the advice of club member Roland Manarin, I'll be keeping version 1.0 'relatively' mild and leaving it naturally aspirated, although forced induction remains a distinct possibility for the future. In the mean time, I'm going to need to learn to drive early model 911s again - since I've been coddled by an extremely forgiving mid-engine 987 Cayman in recent years. Onward!

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As of this writing, suspension and brakes have now been hung on the 912E and fiberglass body panels are in the process of being fitted. It may be overkill, but I wanted to be able to fit the widest rubber possible all around. Think RSR wide! We measured a stock SC rear fender from the inner fender walls and it was 12 inches. The new fiberglass RSR rear fenders measure 17 inches, allowing a width gain of 5 inches of rubber on each side. The engine has been disassembled, and the billet crank is being machined. Cylinder heads are in the works, and LN Engineering is in the process of making the cylinders. These are the most time consuming steps for the engine build, and everything else will need to wait until after these are ready. If anybody wants to take a quick trip down to Kansas City to see the chassis and body work progress with me, it would make for a nice fun run!

Dear Great Plains Region Member,

Quality social and driving events are a direct result of your financial support of GPR PCA.

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GPR Board Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on February 2, 2016, pursuant to telephone conference call. On the conference call were: Joe Chambers, Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Tom Cooper, Russ Rabeler, Kim Burger, Sandy Brusio, Sally Knapp, Steve Gehring, Eric Elliott, and John Krecek, Chief Driving Instructor.

Social: The annual party was very successful. 78 persons were in attendance. The cost was approximately \$66 per person with the raffle tickets/prizes breaking approximately even. It was discussed that the increased cost for this year was the charge for the room and the bar which, in 2015 were free because of the President's Oak Hills membership. The dinner for the Spring Fling on April 30 will be held at the Upstream in the Old Market. The Board agreed to again invite the members of the Kansas City Region to join the Spring Fling. The President will reach out to Kansas City. A fun run is being planned for August 13 to Perry, Iowa, approximately two and a half hours from Omaha. 20 rooms have been blocked at the Hotel Pattee, a unique boutique hotel in Perry. There are 12 persons signed up so far for the May breakfast in Lincoln. It was determined to start the fun run at the Menards, 750 N. 205th Street in Elkhorn. For the DE 101, 12 reservations have been received.

Secretary: The minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed.

President: We will solicit ideas for a special 50th Anniversary logo in Der Skooner within the next couple months and continue to look for a speaker for the 50th Anniversary celebration. The annual sponsorship request letter will be published in the upcoming Der Skooner.

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Past President: The application for the club race in April has been submitted. Rooms have been blocked. The tire company from 2015 will be there for the weekend event.

Treasurer: The opening account balance for January was \$89,584, and the closing balance was \$83,558, and included dues of \$1,620, advertising income of \$230 and interest income \$10. Expenses included DE deposit of \$2,508.57, the club race deposit of \$5,000, holiday party \$66, newsletter of \$276, and a service fee of \$35. The Indian Creek charges for the holiday party were \$5,372.

Editor: The Editor reported that new advertisers had been brought into the newsletter. The color on the front and back of the February issue for advertisers was well done. Many articles were being submitted so the newsletter might get bigger.

Membership: Currently there are 253 national members, including 4 new. At this point, 106 GPR members have renewed.

Registrar: There is nothing new to be reported except that Dave Nelson will be the Registrar in training to take over in 2017.

Safety/CDI: The Safety Officer reported that Jason Bien will do the tech part of the DE 101 program. The CDI stated that the Instructor refresher would be held on April 29th at the Upstream West. The stress of the program will be safety. Instructors participating will receive one free DE day. At DE events, the CDI needs to be on track more to watch the skills of the students and the quality of instruction. This would involve some back-up for the CDI in the classroom. It was also agreed that the CDI should

report to the Safety Officer. Possible back-ups were discussed for the Safety Officer and grid / tech inspection positions. This would free up the Safety Officer to back up the CDI. There was discussion about some cost offset to instructors if they do two days of pure instructions without the ability to drive much. No decision was reached. It was noted that the CDI did state that all instructors must register. Utilization of clubregistration.net is the easiest way to accomplish this. CDI noted that starting June 1, all driving helmets must be Snell Rated 2010 or newer. Motorcycle helmets are not acceptable. There will be paragraph in the March newsletter and a comment on the website about this.

Website: All matters are current on the website.

50th Anniversary Event: The President reminded the Board that a date, venue, budget and speaker were all going to be necessary for the 50th anniversary event. More time will be spent on this at the March meeting, including a date selection. September 9 or 30, or October 28 are good fall dates to avoid Nebraska football games.

The next meeting will be March 8 at 6:00 p.m. by telephone conference call.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Gehring
Secretary

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