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**THE DRIVER'S SEAT**

By Kurt Halvorson

Hello Summer! We kicked off the month of June with the annual PCA Club Race and DE in Hastings June 3-5, with the Tessman dinner Saturday night the 4<sup>th</sup>. We honored Dennis and Kathy Tessman for their 10th year of hosting the annual Club Race dinner party at their home in Hastings. They came out to MPH race track to have their photo taken with the Club Racers and their cars on track. This is the featured photo on our cover this month. Coverage of the event is on pages 15 to 18. Our thanks to the Tessmans for their support of the club through the years and their Midwest hospitality! We also had a surprise visit by the MedAir helicopter, which landed on the front lawn during dinner. There was no medical emergency, just an opportunity to see a state of the art helicopter up close and personal and meet the pilot and medical team who flies it. Special thanks to all our GPR volunteers, National Volunteers, Club Race Sponsors and to Porsche Omaha for making our Club Race and DE a success for the racers, DE participants and financially for the club.

On June 13 and 14, five members from GPR and Schonesland made a trip to Road America in Elkhart

Lake, Wisconsin for a two-day DE, hosted by the Nord Stern region out of the Twin Cities. I bring this up merely to emphasize the consistency and safety of driving in a PCA managed event. If you are considering trying out a DE, your next opportunity is July 16-17 in Hastings, or August 27-28 at RPM near Glenwood, Iowa. PCA DEs are well run, safe and most of all, fun. Other opportunities to improve your driving skills and awareness behind the wheel are available at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta, and the Porsche Sport Driving School in Birmingham. You don't have to be a "racer" to participate in these fun venues. You will come away with many useful skills to use on the road, making you a safer, more effective driver.

There are a variety of articles to enjoy in this month's issue. We are working on a Poker Run for this fall, and continue to look for other opportunities to experience social fun as a club. We have secured a speaker for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner next October (mark your calendars for October 21, 2017). Continue to check your email for updates and reminders of upcoming events.

-Kurt

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# Membership News

By Sandy Brusco  
Membership Chair

Join or renew your GPR membership online. You must be a PCA member ([www.pca.org](http://www.pca.org)) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire each year on December 31<sup>st</sup>, unless you renew for multiple years.

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## Up to Date?

Is your membership information on the PCA website current? Have you sold or bought a Porsche? No longer have your home phone number? New email? Log in to [pca.org](http://pca.org) to update all of your information in order to continue to receive event emails and Der Skooner.



Welcome to our new PCA members:

**James Creel**  
**Richard Hintsala**  
**Robert Stephensen**  
**Paul Vana**

Please welcome our new GPR member:

**Robert Stephensen**

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

Congratulations to our members with July PCA Anniversaries:

10 Years  
**John Sceals**

15 Years  
**Frank McArthur**

## On the Front Cover

The GPR Board arranged a special photo opp with Dennis and Kathy Tessman and the Club Racers as a small way to thank them for hosting our Annual Club Race Party at their lovely home in Hastings for the past 10 years. Thank you, Dennis and Kathy! We can't wait for next year's party! Check out more pictures from the Club Race weekend on Pages 15-17. Photo by Melinda Halvorson.

# 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](mailto:gprnewsletter@gmail.com).



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## SAVE THE DATE

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# Join GPR for a Summer Sleep Over

By Kim Burger, Social Chair



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Arrangements have been made for a limited group of members to take a Fun Run into Iowa this summer and spend the evening at a very unique location. Consider making time to get involved and spend the night in Perry, Iowa at the historic Hotel Pattee. With 40 totally unique room options and a small Iowa town as a backdrop this should be a memorable trip for the members who decide to join the event on **August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

We will start our trip in Omaha and take a Fun Run through the Loess Hills just northeast of Council Bluffs leading up to Iowa State Highway 44 which allows for a scenic drive toward Perry. Total drive time should be approximately

3 hours so we will leave immediately after lunch on Saturday so we will have time to check in and relax at the hotel before a group dinner Saturday evening. Sunday will be at your own pace with everyone taking as much time or as little as they wish before heading back to Omaha on their own.

There is a block of 20 rooms for our group at a 10% discount in room rate for a one night stay on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. **These rooms will be released July 13<sup>th</sup>**. Take a moment and explore Hotel Pattee online at: [hotelpattee.com](http://hotelpattee.com) to determine which room meets your needs. They have 40 individual options that range from Classic Queen or King or

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July

9 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I Please RSVP to Kim at <a href="mailto:kmburger37@icloud.com">kmburger37@icloud.com</a> by July 6 <sup>th</sup> .	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fun DE Register NOW at <a href="http://ClubRegistration.net">ClubRegistration.net</a> .	MPH - Hastings	
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Rocky Mountain High Way 2016	Colorado Springs, CO	

## August

6 <sup>th</sup>	Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - South 48 <sup>th</sup> Street & Highway 2, Lincoln		6-9:00 pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Run and Overnight at Hotel Pattee See Page 5 for more information. Only a few rooms are left for this special event. Reserve your room TODAY!	Perry, IA	
19 <sup>th</sup>	PCA Werks Reunion	Monterey, CA	7am-4 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Summerfest Show 'N Shine* See Page 9.	1200 N. 181 <sup>st</sup> Court, Elkhorn	1-3:00 pm
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Days of Summer DE Registration at <a href="http://ClubRegistration.net">ClubRegistration.net</a> begins July 18 <sup>th</sup> .	RPM - Pacific Junction, IA	

## September

7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Porsche Club of America Treffen Lake Tahoe - Olympic Valley, CA See Page 20 for more information.		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
11 <sup>th</sup>	All-European Show & Shine*	Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha	12-3:00 pm

## October

8 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Finale DE Registration at <a href="http://ClubRegistration.net">ClubRegistration.net</a> begins August 27 <sup>th</sup> .	RPM - Pacific Junction, IA	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Poker Run with dinner to follow Watch for more information to come!		4-6:00 pm

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

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# My Two Days at the Porsche Sport Driving School

Article and Photo by Steve Bartlett

On May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of attending the 2-Day Performance Driving Course at the Porsche Sport Driving School at the Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama. I followed that with most of a day spent at the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta and I thought I'd share the driving school experience. The Porsche Sport Driving School at Birmingham is the only "PSDS" location in the U.S. You can fly directly into Birmingham but I flew to Atlanta to catch the Experience Center on the way home. Birmingham, Alabama is just over a two hour drive west of Atlanta. Interstate all the way and you go past the famous Talladega Superspeedway for those of you who follow NASCAR.

The first day you gather in the lobby for the shuttle to the track at 7am. I must say it seemed the mix of participants from all over the country and the "unknown" caused a few butterflies for sure. The class consisted of 31 men and 2 women. Most were in their 40s to 60s and most were Porsche owners.

With all of us aboard, the shuttle leaves Birmingham traveling to the countryside and then arrives at the Barber Motorsports Complex which appropriately is in the country far away from any normal human endeavors. One clarification...the Barber who built this complex was George Barber, a dairyman turned real estate developer who had a penchant for fast motorcycles. His "country test track" got a little out of hand and what resulted is a beautiful track and huge museum

containing mostly motorcycles, maybe five hundred or more, and the largest collection of Lotus race cars in the country. Many in the group thought that this was the home of the Skip Barber driving school which it is not, no relation.

The facility was incredible... the Barber track is host to the IRL Indy Car Grand Prix of Alabama, World Challenge Series, SCCA and AMA Superbikes. It's 2.38 miles long with 16 turns and over 80 feet of elevation changes so for those of us used to RPM and MPH it's a bit of a roller coaster ride. It is to racetracks what Augusta is to golf, beautifully manicured and landscaped. It is a technical track with decreasing/increasing radius and hairpin turns, blind crests, esses and topped off with a steep downhill corkscrew!

We started each morning and afternoon session with classroom work, learning about the track layout, proper driving position, proper line, car control, driving technical corners, car balance, threshold braking, trail braking, heel/toe downshifting and being smooth. We learned that the teaching method would be to gradually improve by following an instructor's lead, adding new skills with each lesson and build speed as the two days progressed.

The school uses about 60 brand new Porsches for training purposes including these models: 911 Turbo S, 911 GTS, 911 S, Cayman GT4, Cayman GTS, Boxster S, Panamera GTS, as well as Macan S and Cayenne for the off-road session. For ease of training both from the instructors

and participants point of view, each model of car is a different color. There were five groups of drivers, and all drivers in each group are in an identical color and model car. Each time you did track sessions you rotated among the cars so you got to drive all models. Day one was all PDK models so students could concentrate on the track, day two was all manuals.

On the track, each student was assigned a group and a car for the session, depending on skill level and learning aptitude. Each group was initially about 6 students and one instructor. Each group followed their instructor around the track with the instructors watching their group from their rear view mirror and using the two-way radio to give instructions to get students better and better with each lap. The cars in each group rotated every lap so the instructor could watch the car behind him, who got the most attention. As the track sessions progressed, and students got better or did not, the groups were re-arranged to match skill levels.

By Friday afternoon one other student from Scottsdale and I, just the two of us, found ourselves in GT4s with an instructor leading us around the track really getting on it! Never will forget it....

Non-track training was spent on a wet skid pad or autocross track which both added to on-track skills. There was also the off-road course or we were back in the classroom. One fun event was the Turbo

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# Porsches and Pancakes - July 9<sup>th</sup>

Please join us at our next Porsches & Pancakes at The Egg & I, 3605 N. 147<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, at 8 am on July 9<sup>th</sup>. **Kindly RSVP to Kim Burger at [kmburger37@icloud.com](mailto:kmburger37@icloud.com) by Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.** It helps the restaurant know how many staff they need on hand.

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Create a new GPR logo to be used during our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year - 2017! Any GPR member may submit a design. The only requirements (by Porsche) are that it cannot contain the likeness of a Porsche model, the Porsche font, or the Porsche crest. However, utilizing any portion of the PCA logo is acceptable. Submissions should be made in color. Formats for the logo should be submitted in a PNG file, Adobe Illustrator, or Vector, if possible, but hand drawn designs on paper will be accepted as well. Submit questions to our Webmaster and resident Technologist, Eric Elliott at [admin@gprpca.com](mailto:admin@gprpca.com). Designs are due no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 to the same email address. A panel of member judges (no board members) will choose the winning design. Get those creative juices flowing!

# Summerfest Show and Shine

Bring your Porsche (ALL car clubs and enthusiasts are welcome!) to Lutheran Church of the Master's SummerFest Show & Shine on **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**. The address is 1200 N. 181<sup>st</sup> Court, Elkhorn. (North of 180<sup>th</sup> and Dodge.) The car show is from 1:00-3:00 pm, with trophies awarded at 3. There is no cost to participate in the car show.

Bring your entire family to enjoy free admission to SummerFest, beginning with an outdoor lunch from noon to 2, bounce toys, train, trampoline, kids' games, face painting, exotic animals and wildlife encounters.

Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and be ready to enjoy the afternoon with other car lovers.

*(This event is not sponsored by the Great Plains Region.)*

# Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night - August 6<sup>th</sup>

The next Show 'N Shine Cruise Night is August 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll be listening to the oldies under the glow of neon at America's drive-in Sonic, at South 48<sup>th</sup> and Highway 2 in Lincoln with half price food for everyone!

Pop in a Beach Boys tape and cruise on in and check it out. We'll be there from **6:00 to 9:00 pm**, but you can come and go as you like. See old **Der Skooner**



friends and make some new ones. Food, fun, friendship and our favorite cars ... it doesn't get any better than this!



The third annual PCA Werks Reunion will be held Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> in Monterey, California.

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The Great Plains Region Invites You to  
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 Here is the revised schedule for our 2016 DEs



**Summer Fun DE at MPH**  
 July 16 & 17  
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**Dog Days of Summer DE at RPM - NEW EVENT!**  
 August 27 & 28  
 Registration opens July 18<sup>th</sup>



**Fall Finale DE at RPM**  
 October 8 & 9  
 Registration opens August 27<sup>th</sup>

All of these events are viewable on [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net)

## GPR DE Registration and Refund Policy

Effective 6/6/2016 the Great Plains Region established the following DE registration and refund policy:

- The Club will require payment in full on [ClubRegistration.net/PayPal](http://ClubRegistration.net/PayPal), or a \$75 deposit by check made payable to the GPR/PCA, sent to the Registrar or Treasurer in order to be registered for DE events.
- Cancellations 48 hours or more prior to the DE will be refunded \$50 of the \$75 deposit, or all but \$25 of your payment in full. The \$25 retained by the Club will cover our costs of [ClubRegistration.net/PayPal](http://ClubRegistration.net/PayPal) and processing.
- Cancellations less than 48 hours prior to the DE will forfeit the \$75 deposit, or \$75 of your payment in full.
- Drivers who choose to pay any portion of their DE registration fees on the day of the event will be charged an additional \$25 to the advertised track fee for that event.

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*(Porsche Sport Driving School, continued from Page 8)*

For anyone with a desire to drive fast, better, and smoother, I would highly recommend the Porsche Sport Driving School.

S launch control activity which demonstrated not only how fast these cars can get to 60 mph but also the technology involved in avoiding wheel spin while applying maximum throttle.

The instructors were active race drivers in a variety of racing classes. They are a very talented and patient group who are contracted to help conduct these courses as their schedules allow. Hurley Haywood is an instructor, the winningest of all endurance race drivers including three 24 Hours of Le Mans victories is the chief instructor, although unfortunately he was not present during my course. Hurley raced for and later owned Brumos Porsche in Florida.



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# The Porsche Experience Center - Atlanta

By Bob Anderson (BA), Ted Bleimehl (TB), Kurt Halvorson (KH), Melinda Halvorson (MH), Russ Rabeler (RR)

Several GPR members, as well as Ted Bleimehl from the Schonesland Region, visited The Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. The state of the art facility has a fleet of over 75 new model vehicles, and Porsche Drive Coaches to navigate you through the 1.6 mile handling circuit. We all left as better drivers and with a renewed passion for the marque.

From the Driver Development Track, Human Performance Center, Simulator Lab, Carrera Cafe, Restaurant 356, Porsche Retail Store, and the Porsche Heritage Center and Classic Gallery, here are our thoughts on the incredible facility:

*Q: Did you have any expectations of the Porsche Driving Experience before you went?*

**BA:** I knew it would be very good.  
**TB:** I had seen the website, and some videos, so I did have some idea of what we would see. It was pretty impressive in-person. They have a little bit of everything Porsche. That was neat to see.  
**KH:** Not specifically. I had read a lot of good press about it and wanted to experience all that it had to offer.  
**MH:** I was pretty nervous having never been on a track before, and hoped I would get a nice instructor.  
**RR:** That it would be a quality event and fun.

*Q: What did you include in your experience?*

**BA:** 50% of my time drifting, as per **Der Skooner**

my request.

**TB:** Driving a GT3, 60 minutes in the simulator, lunch at 356, and a nutrition session at the Human Performance Center.

**KH:** 2 hours of track time, 1 hour of simulator, lunch reservation in Restaurant 356, retail store perusing, and the historic car display.

**MH:** The same as Kurt.

**RR:** Restaurant 356 lunch, Simulator, historic cars, visited retail store, track, looked at Human Performance Testing.

*Q: What car(s) did you drive?*

**BA:** C4S and GT3

**TB:** I drove a GT3!

**KH:** 991 GT3

**MH:** Boxster S

**RR:** GT3=Track Animal, Cayman GTS=excellent daily driver

*Q: What part of the facility or experience was your favorite? (i.e. Simulator, Track, Cafe, Retail Store, historic cars display, etc.)*

**BA:** Practicing drifting

**TB:** Definitely, the driving portion was my favorite! 2 hours in a GT3 was awesome! Lapping the track was fun, but almost as much fun were the other modules. There were 5 different modules. The Dynamics area, where we went through a slalom course and worked on smooth transitions. The goal was to see how high of G forces you could attain while being smooth and not hitting any cones (1.1 G). This area was also used to practice the Launch Control feature. (What a gas!) Next, we went to the Low Friction Circle where

we practiced drifting. The goal of this module was to get the car into a controlled drift, and hold it there for at least a full loop of the circle. Once this was mastered, we went to the Low Friction Handling Circuit. This was a polished concrete track, similar to the Low Friction Circle, except there are a series of tight curves, with a mixture of various radius types, and on-and-off camber corners. We ran this track trying to keep the car in a constant drift. (Easier said than done.) The last module was called the Kick Plate. It consists of a large, long track of epoxy-coated concrete that has sprinklers wetting it down (think of driving on pure ice and you get the grip-level this surface has). You start on one end and drive across a giant plate, and as you do, it randomly moves left or right inducing a skid. Let me tell you, a GT3, with HUGE Michelin Sport Cup 2's, doesn't like icy conditions!

**KH:** The 2 hours on the track with the driving coach. I learned more car control techniques, played on the kickplate, slid off the Low Friction Circle more times than I can count, learned to drift and used launch control (extra fun)

**MH:** The only area where I felt I did well was the slalom. I didn't hit any cones! I was thankful I didn't slide into Kurt on the Low Friction Circle. The Low Friction Handling Circuit was scary - I didn't want to go off the track!

**RR:** I liked it all but the track testing cars was the best.

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*Q: Would you go back?*

**BA:** Probably not.

**TB:** Yes! I definitely would go back!

**KH:** Yes, particularly if someone else is paying.

**MH:** Yes, but I would take 2 Dramamine first.

**RR:** Yes, but I recommend 2 Dramamine and if you are driving more than one car, drive one early, have lunch, and drive the second car later in the day.

*Q: What advice do you have for someone who is thinking about going to the Porsche Driving Experience Center?*

**BA:** Go, absolutely.

**TB:** Next time, I would book two driving sessions. One in the morning, one in the afternoon. They now have something called the GT Academy. You get to drive both a GT3 AND a GT3 RS. That sounds like it was made just for me!

**KH:** Go! It's cheaper than Porsche Sport Driving School and nearly as much fun.

**MH:** You should go! (Have I mentioned you should take 2 Dramamine before you drive?) It was an incredible experience.

**RR:** It's the best way to take a long test drive and improve your driving ability while deciding which car to buy.



Cars awaiting their drivers. Photo by Kurt Halvorson



The Driver Development Track. Photo by Melinda Halvorson



Simulator machine. Photo by Melinda Halvorson

# Carrera GR Club Race and Advanced Driver Education MPH - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>



All Photos by Melinda Halvorson





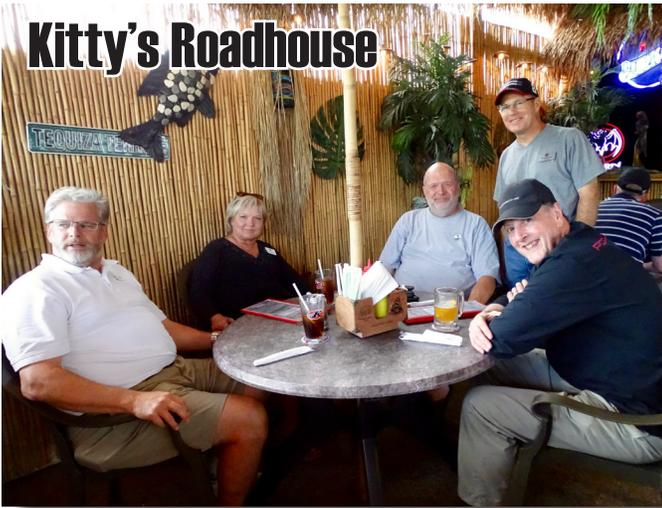


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# Club Race Review

43 Race Drivers

41 DE Drivers

## Workers Choice Awards:

Luke Oxner  
Mike Vess  
Chris Drake  
Mark Steingas  
Bryan Amond  
Ben Merriman

## GT Racing Best Prepared Car Certificates:

**RaceTech Rookie Racer**  
Scott Durham

**LN Engineering/  
Bilt Racing Services**  
Dan Mayer

**Millers Oils**  
Michael Hemingway

The podium finishers received their stickers and respective points.

Comments below are from Bruce Boeder, 2016 PCA Club Racing National Steward for the 2016 Hastings Club Race.

## Steward's Report

Weekend Review:

Very effectively run event. To the person, all of the volunteers understood their individual responsibilities and carried them out flawlessly. **Kurt Halvorson** and **Tom Cooper**, who took over for **John Krecek** as event chair this year, seamlessly stepped in as if they'd been running race weekends for years. **Joe Chambers** as the registrar did a great job, also mentoring his replace-

ment, **Dusty Kohl** running control and dispatch, steward's assistant **Marcus Kennedy**, **Heather Kennedy** working with **Franklin Kalk** in timing and scoring (plus some guy named **Roland Nieves** who we really need to convince to join the national staff.....), and **Priscilla Pekas** managing the grid.

**Sally Knapp** was everywhere when she wasn't on track. A special shout out to the scrutineer's assistant, **Pete Jardine**, who found a number of out of compliance issues with cars in grid. Track manager **George Anderson** was ever present and is, one of, if not the best track managers I have had the pleasure to work with. Great track environment and after race socials. A fun dinner on Friday night at Kitty's. A special



*From PCA National:*

*L to R: Bruce Boeder, Franklin Kalk, Jon Jones*

thanks to the Tessmans for hosting the Saturday night event at their home and classic garage collection for the tenth consecutive year (I've never been at a PCA social where a medivac helicopter dropped in, just to show off). Flawless weather (thanks for ordering that, Kurt and Tom). Even great food at lunch! I'd like to come back and work this event but even more would like to get my car together so I can race there next year.



# GPR June Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on June 7, 2016, at Oak Hills Country Club.

Present were: Russ Rabeler, Kurt Halvorson, Melinda Halvorson, Tom Cooper, Joe Chambers, and Steve Gehring. Eric Elliott participated via conference call. Sally Knapp, Sandy Brusco, and Kim Burger were unable to attend.

**Social:** There were 28 persons who attended the breakfast and fun run to Lincoln in May. The event was well received and the Social Director received positive comments about it. The date was set for the annual Winter Party for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. A date of October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. was set for the Poker Run with dinner at 6:00 p.m., location to be finalized. Another email blast will be sent out for the Perry, Iowa event. 16 rooms are yet available for the overnight on August 13th.

**Registrar:** It was reported that the MPH Club race and DE broke even, although it was not yet known whether the Club owed anything to the tire vendor. The event was very much a success with 52 more drivers this year than last year. Registration is open for the event at MPH on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, with 7 drivers signed up so far. Lunch will be included. A very favorable letter was received from Bruce Boeder, PCA Club Racing National Steward, who attended the Club race. His comments will be published in Der Skooner.

**Safety/CDI:** No national update was available. Rick Mourey has interest in assisting with the Safety Chair and will act as Co-Chair for the event at MPH in July.

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

**President:** No 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo submissions have been received. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary budget is in process. A speaker has been secured for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. It was agreed that rather than a straight speech, there would be a moderator to ask questions of the guest about his career and have him respond. There was discussion about potential board positions open for 2017 and potential candidates. Subject to member ballot vote this fall, Russ Rabeler agreed to act as Treasurer for

2017, Melinda Halvorson agreed to act as Der Skooner Editor, and Eric Elliott will continue as the Webmaster.

**Past President:** There was no further report beyond the previous discussion on the Club race.

**Treasurer:** The opening balance was \$86,360. Closing balance was \$82,546. Income included PCA rebates of \$2,227, Club sponsorship of \$1,200, dues of \$91, social deposits for the breakfast event in Lincoln of \$140, DE deposits of \$528, and interest income of \$11. Expenses included DE expense of \$913, newsletter expenses of \$120, administrative fees of \$307 (new printer and supplies), Club race \$6,403, and Lincoln breakfast event of \$880. The Treasurer also discussed the various expenses and income relating to the MPH Club race and DE. There was discussion about the party at the Tessman's for which the Club paid \$1,324. As of the end of May, there were \$9,200 of sponsorships.

**Editor:** The Editor reported a new ad from Competitive Motor Sports. The Editor has significant material for the July issue including a DE registration and refund policy and coverage of recent events. There was discussion about the gift of the framed racers picture for the Tessmans for their 10 years of hosting the Saturday night event after the Club race.

**Membership:** There are 249 national members, 4 of whom are new, with 7 non-renewals. The GPR has 119 members with 1 new member.

**Webmaster:** The DE refund policy will be put on the website. The Webmaster is going to view a PCA webinar this following Thursday and will report following that.

The next meeting will be July 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Oak Hills Country Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Gehring  
Secretary

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