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Club Racers on the grid at GPR's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Race and Advanced DE at MPH. Photo courtesy of Kurt Halvorson.

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## HANDS ON THE WHEEL

By Steve Gehring

## Running, Racing and Detailing

**Fun Run**

For all of you who love to drive your Porsches but have no interest in taking them on the track, you should REALLY consider doing the Schonesland (Des Moines) Fun Run on July 15 and 16 through the Loess Hills and up to Sioux City for an overnight. The good folks in Des Moines have been kind to invite us to participate and we would like to do more things with their club. Whether you go to Des Moines to start with them or meet them in Woodbine for a wonderful lunch, you will have the opportunity to drive one of the most fun and prettiest areas of our region. You can get more details on this on Page 15 which will also give you a link to the Schonesland website for reservations.

**Racing**

In the years I have gone to the DE event at MPH in Hastings, I have been interested in our Carrera GT Club Race, but have never been involved in it. **Kurt Halvorson** chaired and I co-chaired the Race this year and so I needed to pay close attention. It was a great event and it was terrific fun getting to know a number of the racers including **Michael Vess** and **Joe Bank**, both of whom drive GT 3 Cup cars at skill levels that I can only dream about. In fact, Joe Bank set the closed wheel track record on

Sunday at slightly over 1.27 minutes. That number will not mean a lot to non-track drivers, but it is amazingly quick and testifies to the skill levels of these racers. **Rick Mourey**, our Safety Officer, had his maiden voyage race that weekend and comported himself well. It is wonderful to have another of our members get into the racing side. This is Great Plains' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of running this Club Race and is something of which we can be very proud. Thanks to the expertise of **Kurt Halvorson** and the other dedicated volunteers, **Rick Mourey**, **David Adler**, **Roger Williams**, **Terry Lessmann**, **Pete Jardine**, **Robin Elliott**, **Dave Nelson**, **Joe Chambers** and **Wayne Wray**. Our National Race Steward, Bob Jones, gave us a "near perfect" rating. If any of you have not been to this event and enjoy watching top quality racing, plan to be at Hastings next year for our 26<sup>th</sup> event.

I also want to give a huge thank you to **Kathy and Dennis Tessman** who again hosted the racers and DEers on Saturday evening at their beautiful home in suburban Hastings. It was very well attended by 87 folks.

**Detailing**

For the 26 of our Club members who attended the detailing session at Exotic Detailing on Saturday,

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# Membership News

By Joe Chambers  
Membership Chair

## Join or renew your GPR membership NOW!

Dues are past due! Why not save time and renew for 2 or 3 years? The benefits are many: you will be able to attend GPR member-only events such as the always popular Winter Party, Spring Fling Social, New Member Dinner, as well as enjoy free advertising for car-related items for sale in Der Skooner. You will also be invited to the very special GPR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in October with guest speaker Hurley Haywood! Don't miss out on these great events! You must be a PCA member (pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, unless you renew for multiple years.

Please go to gprpca.com and click on the green button: "Join or Renew Your GPR Membership Online". Be sure to add your significant other to the email list so she/he can also receive GPR/PCA emails. Complete the information and pay by credit card on our secure site. If you prefer to pay by check, you may print the online form and mail it in.

Please contact Joe Chambers, Membership Chair, with any questions: 402.250.7032.



*Welcome* to our new PCA members:

- Reva Bily - Omaha
- Aaron Humston - Giltner
- Keith Keller - Bennington
- Daniel Surdell - Omaha
- Deryl Travis, Jr. - Lincoln

And welcome to our new PCA and GPR members:

- Priscilla Andrews - Burwell
- Richard Kavan - Omaha
- Brandon Koom - Omaha
- Travis Olsen - Battle Creek

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

## GPR Member Numbers

144 paid 2017 GPR members  
263 PCA members in our region

# 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.

If you would like to order one, please contact Melinda at gprnews-letter@gmail.com.



## Congratulations

to our members with a July PCA anniversary:

25 Years

Dennis Fitzke

15 Years

Steve Wilwerding

10 Years

Norman Holly

5 Years

Rick Money  
Bartlett Hamilton

1 Year

Michael Reynolds

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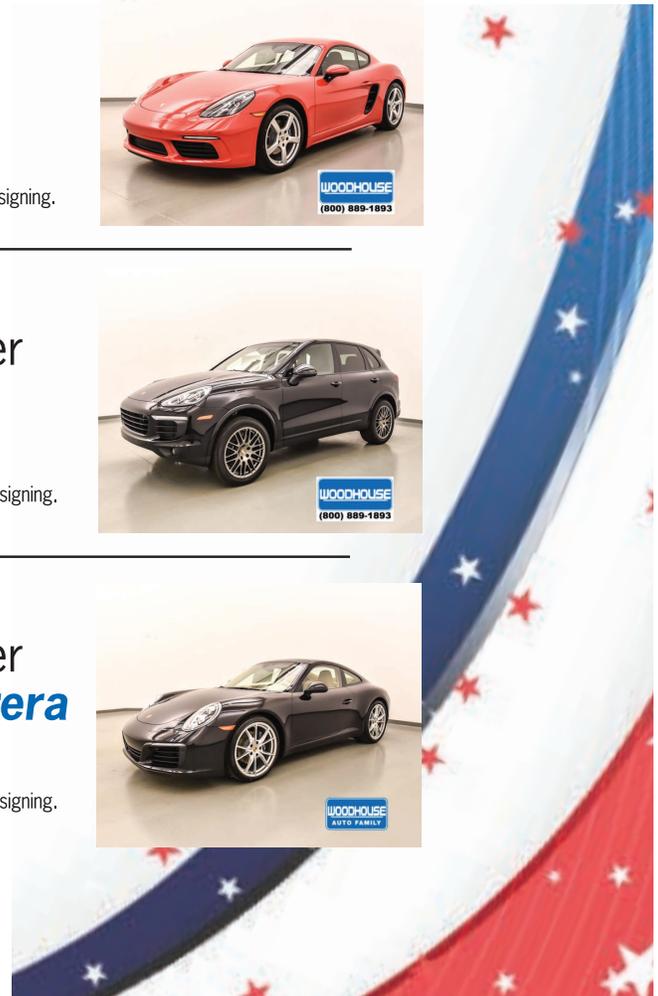


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# GPR Members - Let's have a Drink and Dine Together!

By Steve Bartlett, Social Chair

After our very successful and enjoyable dinner at Bella Vita in Elkhorn a few months ago, we have planned another member-pay dinner event for **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, at **Tavern 180**, a great new restaurant in west Omaha. **It is located in the Village Pointe area at 203 N. 180<sup>th</sup> St. in Omaha.** Please note, while the address is north, the

**restaurant is located just south of Dodge.** We will gather for cocktails at 6:30 in the bar area and they have reserved a block of tables for us in the dining area for 7pm. We will order off the menu and they will accommodate separate checks. **RSVP to Steve Bartlett, Social Chair, by July 21<sup>st</sup>.** See you there!



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July

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9 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	PCA Porsche Parade	Spokane, WA	
15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fun DE	MPH - Hastings	
15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Schonesland Region's Breakfast & Kickoff for the Loess Hills Drive		8:00 am
<del>29<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Fun Run to Shorty's Ice Cream Shoppe, Albion, NE for lunch &amp; ice cream</del> Shorty's is no longer open on Saturdays. Instead...		<del>TBD</del>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner at Tavern 180 See Page 5 for more information about this member-pay dinner.	203 N 180 <sup>th</sup> St, Omaha	6:30 Social 7:00 Dinner

## August

5 <sup>th</sup>	Sonic Show 'N Shine Cruise Night	South 48 <sup>th</sup> St. & Highway 2, Lincoln	6:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Werks Reunion Monterey	Corral de Tierra Country Club in Salinas, CA	
26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Dog Days of Summer DE	RPM	

## September

9 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lauritzen Gardens All-European Show and Shine*	100 Bancroft St., Omaha	12-3:00 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rennsport Night at Lo Sole Mio See Page 9 for the details.	3001 S 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Omaha	6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	SeptemberFest DE Rescheduled Spring Fling DE	RPM	
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Treffen Asheville	Asheville, NC	

## October

14 <sup>th</sup>	Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I	3605 N. 147 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha	8:00 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	GPR 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner GPR members - Watch for your special invitation in the mail in August!	Hilton Omaha	6:00 pm

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

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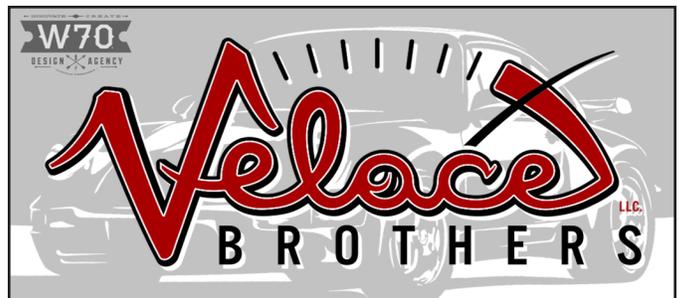
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June 10<sup>th</sup>, it was a very fun morning. Cory Pykiet and Keith Keller were gracious hosts in their new facility at 180<sup>th</sup> and State Streets. This facility was large enough for everyone driving a Porsche to come inside and park. Cory and Keith described various aspects of their shop expertise in detailing, XPEL wrapping and ceramic coating. For many of us, it was a good opportunity to have the differences in these processes explained. The wrapping, with the XPEL coating was explained as a great process for paint protection and rock chip avoidance. Ceramic coating, while not necessarily protecting against rock chipping, does provide an excellent sealer and allows for long-term paint protection and easy washing and cleanup of your Porsche. We want to give a big thank you to Cory and Keith for their hospitality.

## Detailing Session - June 10<sup>th</sup>

Photos by Steve Gehring, President



Members enjoyed breakfast and car talk at Exotic Detailing.



## Did you know this about Michelin tires?

By Kurt Halvorson, Past President

We've all read and heard from Porsche how their tire development with Michelin, Pirelli and others from time to time produces a specific tire for the performance characteristics of our cars. But, I always wondered how important the Michelin "N" spec was for our cars, as I have seen Michelin tires on Tire Rack spec'd for Mercedes, Ferrari and BMW listed as alternatives for our cars. So, I set to find out.

After speaking with Jason Bien at Woodhouse Porsche, he directed me to his contacts at Michelin, and I was soon posing my question to Jason Anzalone at Michelin corporate. Jason replied, "The perfor-

mance differences are not noticeable enough to feel a difference with the manufacturer specific (N-spec) tires, so we are comfortable suggesting different spec tires", (meaning the Mercedes, Ferrari and BMW specs). He indicated this is in line with the guidance from their website and in line with what Tire Rack is offering. So, there you have it. The next time you're in the market for Michelin tires, know that the N-spec is the "best" alternative for our cars, but that the other car manufacturer spec'd tires are ok to use as well, with little difference in noticeable performance for our driving capabilities.

## Important Simpson Helmet Recall

Simpson has issued a safety recall for their Snell 2015 Voyager 2 helmet. Use of these helmets will not be permitted at PCA DE or Club race events unless they have been repaired. If you own a Voyager 2 and shipped it back to Simpson for repairs you must bring the repair notice and return documentation for the helmet to pass Tech Inspection. To view the full recall notice, check out the post on our website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com).

# New York International Auto Show

Article and Photos by Eric Elliott, Webmaster



This past April, GPR member **Brian Tessman** and his friend Kyle came to New York City to visit and go to the New York International Auto Show, the oldest and largest-attended auto show in North America.

On the morning of the show, and after fueling up with some of the best pancakes we've ever had, we hit the subway and headed to the show. What followed was a nearly 5-hour, 5-mile trek through the Jacob Javits Center where we got to check out almost every new car on the market, and more.

Some of the highlights included the new Ford GT (unbelievably cool), the world premiere of the 840-hp Dodge Demon (they had two Demos set up side-by-side as a drag racing simulator — they did wheelies when leaving the line), and the array of exotics on display from Manhattan Motorcars (the local Porsche dealer) including Koenigsegg, Spyker, and even a Rimac Concept One (you may have heard of this one, as this is the car Richard Hammond recently crashed during the filming of *The Grand Tour*. Only eight have been built so far.)

To my surprise, one of the most interesting cars to debut was the new Kia Stinger 4-door sedan.

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Designed to compete with the BMW 4-series and the Audi A4, this was a sharp-looking car, and shows how far the South Koreans have come in such a short time.

But as a Porsche fan, my most anticipated display was from Porsche. It was actually a small display compared to most of the other manufacturers, with one each of a Cayman, Boxster, Macan, Cayenne, and Panamera. Also on display were the North American debuts of four new models: the new 911 GTS, the Panamera Turbo S E-Hybrid, the new 911 GT3, and the Panamera Sport Turismo.

While the 2018 GT3 is the stuff of my dreams, it was the Panamera Sport Turismo that I was most looking forward to seeing, and it didn't disappoint. This is definitely the best-looking Panamera to date, and looked amazing in its brown-tinted paint. It's amazing how close the production version is to the concept car shown a couple of years back. Available initially in five variations (4/4S/4S Diesel/4 E-Hybrid/Turbo) I'm already looking forward to the inevitable GTS variant.

By the end of the day, we had seen almost every new vehicle avail

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I'd also like to bring back "Member Rides" but I need pictures of your cars! Those can be any orientation. Send your JPG(s) to: [gprnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:gprnewsletter@gmail.com).

~ Editor

# Mourning the Loss of a Great Competitor

By Jason Bien, Globally Certified Service Advisor, Porsche Omaha

After decades of fierce competition, Audi announced last fall they would officially be resigning from the world of endurance racing in the top tier LMP1 category. Starting in the 2017 racing season, Porsche began this journey with only one competitor. Toyota has recently become the formidable opponent Porsche so desperately needed, following Audi's departure. Lately, Toyota has proven themselves as more than just good competition, they are the new benchmark of the WEC. Can Porsche take back the title?

Over the years, as others have, Porsche has stepped in and out of the ring with the likes of many formidable opponents. Just as the changing of the seasons, Porsche has come back each time better and stronger than ever. Audi has followed step with Porsche over

the years keeping this rivalry alive. Unfortunately, this rivalry has come to an end...at least for now.

Porsche has used its technological resources to their best abilities and will have to fight harder than ever this year to remain at the forefront of the the endurance motorsport realm. The irony is, there is more fevered competition than ever, yet the challenge to be number one appears more difficult than ever. This article was written one day before the 24hr race at LeMans. This race will indeed determine the direction Porsche goes from this point forward in racing. Hopefully, Audi makes a swift return after the dust of their financial woes finally settles.

We'll be watching.

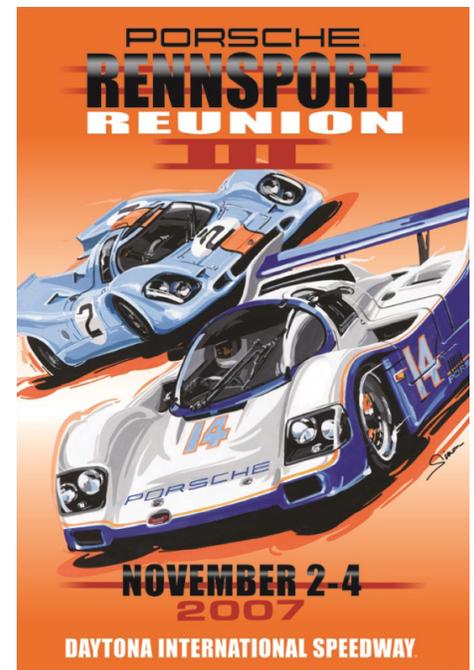


# Rennsport Night at Lo Sole Mio

By Steve Wilwerding

Join us Saturday, September 16, at Lo Sole Mio (3001 S 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Omaha) for dinner and a presentation celebrating the tenth anniversary of Rennsport III. The presentation will include pictures from the event along with videos chronicling the evolution of Porsche sports cars.

There will be a cash bar from 6:00-7:00 with dinner at 7:00 and a presentation to follow. We need 40 people to commit to the event, and the cost is \$20 per person for the Italian buffet. **Watch for the RSVP and pre-pay on our GPR website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) by September 9<sup>th</sup>.**



# Did you know...

By Gary Quast

...that 42 years ago in July, 1975, the Great Plains Region was selected as the National Porsche Club Region of the Year at the Seattle Porsche Parade?



*Corey Barrett (center) and Bill Goodrich (right) received the Ferry Porsche Trophy from PCA President Mick Williams.*

The 1975 Parade was held in Seattle, and 10% of our membership attended the Parade. Quite an accomplishment considering the distance involved.

What does it take to qualify for the award? Well, a lot of work and activity throughout the year by all members of the club as you can see by the following categories and criteria.

## LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

Provide a brief narrative of your

Region's events, activities and meetings during 2017. Please include the

number and type of events and the approximate attendance at each event. How do you communicate with the membership about your activities? How do you solicit from the membership about activities? How do you identify new and unique

activities for the membership?

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Provide a brief narrative of your growth and membership retention during 2017. Please include the number of members in December 2017 compared to January 2018, the number of members who renewed and the number of new members. Your narrative should also include what your Region has done to retain or increase membership. Have you implemented any new and unique processes or programs to retain existing members and/or attract new members?

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Provide a brief narrative of your Region's activities that benefit the community. Please include the approximate attendance at each event and note if any other regions or organizations participated. Your narrative should also describe the positive impact these activities have had on the community, your Region, your membership and PCA.

## MULTI-REGION PARTICIPATION

Provide a brief description of your Region's participation in or sponsoring of multi-region events. Describe how the Region facilitated surrounding Regions to participate in a variety of events that normally might not be possible. How did the Region help other Regions defray expenses or assist in administrative requirements? Please provide the approximate number of members from your Region and from the other participating Regions who attended the events.

## NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE EFFECTIVENESS

Provide a brief narrative about how your newsletter and website support Region activities. How do they facilitate Region communication with the membership? What makes them unique? What is the membership's impression or reaction to them? Do you make effective use of email or other mass communication methods in publicizing events and club activities?

The GPR began the year 1975 with 89 active members and by the end of the year membership had grown to 108 members – an increase of more than 20%.

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In 1975 the GPR had the following activities' schedule:

Percent of active members attending:

11 dinner meetings	45%
Tour-Ral-Ski auto event	33%
Winter Park Rally	35%
Poker Run	45%
Sadie Hawkins Slalom School	20%
5 "M" Slalom	50%
Porsche-Horsche	40%
No-Nonsense Slalom	37%
Gym-Ral-oic	48%
Pig Roast	78%
AutoX challenge (series of 3)	45%
MDA Telethon	30%
Oktoberfest	63%
SchonesLand Weekender	20%
Board of Director Meetings	20%
Meals on Wheels	24%

In addition to all the other activities, our newsletter editors were always striving to have the best newsletter. On numerous occasions, our newsletter came in the top three and on two occasions, we were named top newsletter. This was when we had no sponsors, no donations, and our editors were using member's office copiers after hours, to produce the newsletter. Of course, even then it was difficult to get articles for the newsletter, but we persevered and made things work out. Help your editor by writing articles or forwarding her any interesting articles and information you find.

At one time, the club was near 200 members. What happened? More cars today by far, but less members! What is our participation rate in our events today? How do we compare to the club of "yesteryear?"

(New York International Auto Show, continued from Page 9)

able for sale in North America, with the exception of a few manufacturers like Ferrari and Tesla, we retired to a pub for a burger and conversation about which car we would have most liked to have taken home: The Ford GT? The Porsche GT3? The Audi R8 LMS GT4? The arguments for each were strong, and in the end we came to this conclusion: there was no wrong answer.



## New Registrar

Dave Nelson, our registrar, has been having some health challenges and felt that his situation prevented him from doing the kind of job as registrar he would like to do. He has tendered his resignation. We express our gratitude to Dave for all of his hard work. We are very fortunate that Terry Lessmann, who has a wonderful technology background, has agreed to take on this important position for the Club. Effective June 17, 2017, the Board has named Terry as registrar. We want to extend continuing sincere appreciation to Joe Chambers who will assist with the July DE at Hastings and will do the training for Terry.

# Hershey Park, PA - "Porsche Only" Swap Meet Trip

Article and Photos by Rick Mourey, Safety Chair

Being on temporary assignment in Philadelphia, I took the opportunity to visit the Porsche Only swap meet in April in Hershey PA, hosted by the Central PA Region. Driving there in my Subaru Outback (hey, it may not be a Porsche but it does have a 3.6 liter boxer engine just like my 993, sort of, maybe) it was fun coming upon the Porsche caravans and single cars heading to the event. Now the event must also be on the Pennsylvania State Police's calendar as well, since they were clearly out in force at 6:30am!

Billed as the world's largest "Porsche Only" swap meet isn't something I can validate, since this is my first "Porsche Only" swap meet, but I can say it is very large, very well organized and definitely worth a visit by any Porsche enthusiast. Many of the big names are there: FabSpeed, Rennline, Sparco, OGRacing, and Stoddard's, to name a few. What was really impressive were the rows and rows and rows of folks with Porsche parts for every model, from the smallest bits



(I found a trip odometer gear) to stripped rollers and complete street and race cars.

Part of the fun, or challenge depending on your perspective, is connecting with all the vendors and hunting through what they have. Some are moderately organized with parts tagged or categorized. Others, well, you need to be prepared to dig

and ask questions. Have a question on work you are doing on your car, challenged with finding a part, there's someone at this event to talk with. Looking for 356B front bumper guards for a friend, I came across one

vendor with 356 doors, glass and wheels displayed. The conversation went a little like this: "Hi, I'm looking for front bumper guards for a 61 356B, do you have any?" "Hmm, let me think...check in that pile over by the exhaust parts over there." Yup, sure enough, there they were, two dirty, de-chromed 356B bumper guards. Perfect. Picture taken, sent to friend, price haggled, paid (these folks don't really want to box unsold parts and take them home) being shipped on Monday.

After a few hours of checking out Porsche parts and goods, yes it's that big, I wandered over to the Concours event section. Apparently the unofficial competition this year was who was going to have a bigger presence; air-cooled or water-pumper. Unfortunately, by my very unofficial count, the water-pumpers had the win. There were however, plenty of 356s (5 beautiful roadsters – can you say bucket list), air-cooled 911s

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The Great Plains Region Invites You to  
**Come *Track* with Us!**

Here are the remaining dates for our 2017 DEs



**Summer Fun DE at MPH**  
July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

**Raceway  
Park of the  
Midlands**



**Dog Days of Summer  
DE at RPM**  
August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Raceway  
Park of the  
Midlands**



**SeptemberFest DE  
at RPM**  
September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
Rescheduled Spring Fling DE



All of these events are viewable on  
**ClubRegistration.net**

## Schonesland Region's Breakfast and Kickoff for the Loess Hills Overnight

*The good folks next door at Schonesland (Des Moines) have invited us to join them on a delightful sounding Fun Run, through the Loess Hills, and up to Sioux City for an overnight. For those non-DE'ers, get this one on your calendar now and have a great time!*

*~ Steve Gebring, GPR President*

The Kickoff for the Loess Hills Drive is at The Machine Shed Restaurant in Urbandale, IA at 8 am. The Loess Hills drive will be an overnight drive with a planned, group route out and a solo, separate-ways return.

Since May of 2009, the Schonesland Region has enjoyed many great driving tours. One of our "signature" drives, the Loess Hills Run to Sioux City, is back on the calendar for July 15-16, 2017. A block of 20 rooms for Saturday night, July 15<sup>th</sup>, has been reserved at the Stoney Creek Inn in downtown Sioux City under the "Schonesland Porsche Club". You may call the Inn at 712-234-1100 to book your room. There will be more info to follow in the coming months, we'll be going back to our favorite wine cellar for dinner Saturday evening, however, Luciano's is under new ownership, and is now called "M's on Fourth". The menu has been expanded and the food and service are quite good.

Make plans to enjoy this exciting and beautiful drive, which is included in the National Historic Register of Scenic Byways. For any questions, please call Jeff David at 515-229-5616. For more information go to <http://schonesland.com/calendar/events/event-207/>.

*(Porsche Only Swap Meet Trip, continued from Page 13)*

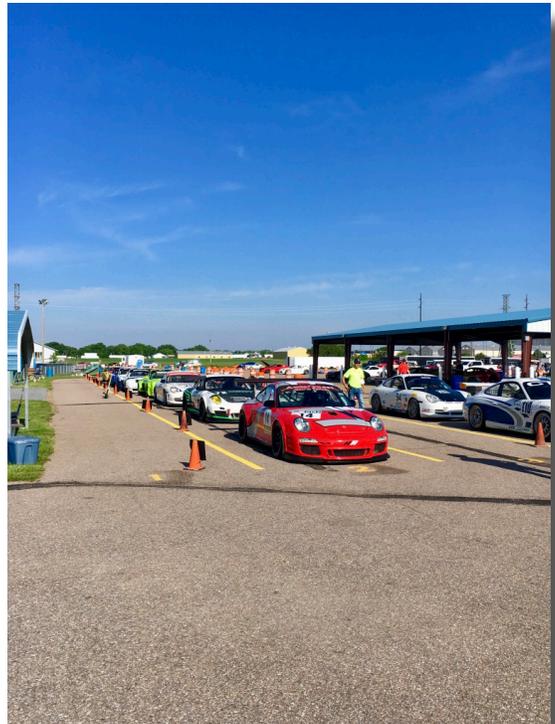
and 914s and 916s from daily driver, to show class levels to keep me occupied for quite a while. Oh, and one Porsche Tractor just to round out the Porsche line. Equally impressive though was the general parking lot. I think this is where the bigger Porsche car show was. The walk back to my car got detoured with a lengthy walk through the parking lot, where impressive models of all types could be found behind the

small groups of enthusiasts gathered around them.

If this event is on your bucket list, make sure you check it off. It's actually a 2-day event with an Auto-Cross on Sunday as well, that they limit to "Porsche Only" cars due to the large turnout. My only recommendation; bring lots of cash or don't bring any cash, because this is the adult equivalent of an 8 year old in a toy store. If you don't have Porsche spending will power (I don't) the significant other conversation could be ugly.....



# GPR's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club Race and Advanced DE at MPH June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>: 37 Club Racers, 25 DE Drivers



# Tessman Club Race Party: 87 attended



Special thanks to **Priscilla Andrews, Steve Gehring, Kurt Halvorson, and John Pershing** for submitting Club Race photos for Der Skooner.

~ Editor

# More Pictures from MPH



In memory of Rick Shaffer



Six women were among the racers at the Great Plains Region Club Race. Left to right: Alexandra Sabados, Rochelle Butand, GPR member Sally Knapp, Julie Bailey. Not pictured: Lisa Bryan and Lisa Hunsicker. Photo courtesy of Chester Bailey.



George Poullos gets in a quick nap before the next DE session. Photo courtesy of David Adler.



Special thanks to Dr. Bob Anderson for volunteering his time as our Medical Director at the Club Race each year.



# GPR June Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 p.m. on June 6, 2017, via telephone conference. On the call were: Steve Bartlett, Eric Elliott, Steve Gehring, Kurt and Melinda Halvorson, Rick Mourey and Russ Rabeler. Joe Chambers and Pete Jardine were unable to attend. Dave Nelson has resigned as registrar.

Steve Gehring stated that all Board members who were in town participated in the Club Race/DE last weekend. He thanked all who participated and said that we received terrific comments on the way the event was run.

**Social:** Steve Bartlett reported that there were 24 people at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Porsches and Pancakes breakfast. The next breakfast will be held at Exotic Detail in Bennington, hosted by Cory Pykiet. There are currently 10 reservations. The dinner in Hastings at the Wagon Wheel on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> was attended by 21 people. It was determined that we might look for another place, such as the Barrel Bar, for the next event. The Tessman party on Saturday evening was attended by 87, with a number of racers present. Kathy and Dennis Tessman again did a terrific job. Flowers will be sent to them to thank them for their gracious hospitality. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic and car show on June 25<sup>th</sup> is in final planning. The award plaques have been ordered, and RSVPs are coming online through the website. Eric Elliott stated that 44 reservations have been received so far. It was noted that we need a table or two for desserts. There was also discussion about judges. Denny Strauss, Gary Quast and Kurt Halvorson were suggested as good judges. Steve Gehring and Steve Bartlett will finalize the judges.

Steve Wilwerding has set up a member-paid dinner at Lo Sole Mio for the evening of Saturday, September 16 entitled Rennsport Night. Assuming the September DE takes place, this will be the evening dinner for that event, as well. It was reported that the Shorty's Ice Cream store in Albion is closed on Saturdays but open on Sundays. It was discussed as to whether people would take 5 to 6 hours out of their Sunday to drive to Albion. A majority of the Board determined "no" and agreed to look at doing at a July member-paid dinner instead. We still need volunteers for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner. There was a discussion as to the centerpieces, and it was determined to proceed with centerpieces in the \$50-\$70 range. Kurt Halvorson, Steve Gehring and Steve Bartlett will be a committee to select those.

**Safety/CDI:** Rick Mourey reported that there was one incident during the race the prior weekend that needed to be reported and that he was completing that report. There was a discussion about whether the new process of handing out tech stickers at the end of the drivers' meeting worked well. The consensus was to retain the process. Rick reported an ongoing discussion at the national level about automatic car braking and how to deal with those cars on the track. There was also a question as to whether the Club should set minimum standards for an advanced DE. More discussion to come.

**Registrar:** It was reported that Dave Nelson felt he could not adequately handle the registrar duties and had tendered his resignation. The Board expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of his efforts. It was reported that Steve Gehring

and Joe Chambers, the previous registrar, would be meeting over the next several weeks to find one or more suitable candidates to take over the registrar's position. It was determined to go forward with the Spring Fling reset dates on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, designating that event as "Septemberfest," and to put it on the website and Der Skooner calendar.

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

**President:** Steve Gehring stated that a number of items in his report had previously been covered. He was contacting the Schonesland Region to obtain details on the Loess Hills Fun Run on July 15-16, as to which our Club was invited to participate.

**Past President:** Kurt Halvorson reported that the Club Race went very well. There was a total of 36 racers. Very good remarks were received from PCA Race Steward, Scrutineer and Timing and Scoring Officer. Kudos were given to Rick Mourey for completing his rookie race successfully. Kurt Halvorson also stated that Bob Jones, the PCA Race Steward, was so impressed with the operation of the race by our Club and George Anderson and his team at MPH that he volunteered to be the steward again for the 2018 race. The final financial report is not in for the race, but with food and tire vendor costs added to the known expenses, it appears that the Club will lose several thousand dollars. Ways will be looked at to reduce costs for next year.

**Treasurer:** Russ Rabeler stated the opening account balance for May was \$93,567. Closing balance was \$85,921. Receipts included Club Race sponsorships of \$250, Club Race fees of \$620, DE fees of \$408, dues of \$480, PCA rebate of \$1,100, Club sponsorship of \$250, and interest income of \$16. Expenses included insurance and track deposits for the race and DE of \$7,550, administrative costs of \$95, newsletter \$239, and social costs of \$2,886.

**Editor:** Melinda Halvorson reported that for the July issue she was trying to get a tech article from Jason Bien and an article from Steve Wilwerding on the Rennsport dinner. It was determined to send the invitations for the October dinner around the middle of August, with an invitation notice in the September Der Skooner. The deadline for the July issue is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** It was reported that there were 141 paid GPR members and 257 PCA members in the region. Fifty-five percent of the PCA members are GPR members.

**Webmaster:** Eric Elliott reported that the website calendar was up to date and the September Rennsport dinner had been linked to Stripe in order to prepay that event. Eric will continue to research how to synch the website calendar with personal devices.

The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Steve Gehring's office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen E. Gehring  
Acting Secretary



*There are secrets hidden in these mountains...*

*Drive. Dine. Explore.*

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