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Our featured GPR member for February, Steve Gallagher, loves everything about his '09 911 Turbo.
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HANDS ON THE WHEEL

By Steve Gehring

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Porsche Brakes

Porsche makes great cars that go fast, corner well but, above all, brake better than most anything on the road. For those of you who take Christophorus magazine, the last issue contained a most informative article about a new and exciting braking system which will initially be featured in the Cayenne Turbo. It is known as the Porsche Surface Coated Brake (PSCB). The surface of the rotor consists of tungsten carbide. Tungsten carbide is applied in a high velocity spraying process especially made for iron rotor discs. Porsche also designed a brand new brake pad to work in conjunction with the new disc. What Porsche now has is a brake that has performance levels very close to the carbon ceramic composite brake at approximately one-third of the cost. The new brake produces about ninety percent less brake dust than with a gray-iron brake and has a service life thirty percent longer than the gray-iron counterparts. The pads and new discs match up with a ten (that's correct – ten) piston fixed caliper in the front and four piston fixed caliper in the rear. It should be wonderful to watch as the performance evolves with this new braking system. Hopefully it will be available on 911s and Cayman/Boxsters soon.

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Membership News

By Joe Chambers
Membership Chair

It's time to renew your GPR membership! We are off to a good start with 96 members going into February. We need your support and are hopeful that you will join our ranks in 2018. As our president, Steve Gehring, pointed out last December, members received $235 in benefits for their $30 membership fee in 2017. If you are unsure if your membership is paid for 2018 please contact me.

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 as well as enjoy free advertising for car-related items for sale in Der Skooner. You must be a PCA member (pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire on December 31st, 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.

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Congratulations

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Blake Uhl

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Your Name

By the Numbers:

96 GPR members
271 PCA members

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2017 GPR Treasurer's Report

Thanks to our sponsors and advertisers, the Great Plains Region had a great 2017.

We were able to have 27 events plus the Spring Fling Social hosted by Bob & Carol Lynch, the 50th Anniversary Summer Picnic, and the 50th Anniversary Dinner at Hilton Omaha with Hurley Haywood as our featured speaker. These events were all financed by the Club and we were able to keep the fees for the track events reasonable while dues remain at $30. We have prepaid $6,000 in expenses for the 2018 year.

Balance 1-1-17	$89,555.54
Revenue	$66,242.67
Expense	$85,377.51
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I certainly want to thank all of the 2017 sponsors, advertisers, and members and encourage everyone's support again in 2018.

Russell Rabeler, Treasurer

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February

10th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
	Please RSVP to steve.bartlett100@gmail.com by February 7th.		

March

3rd	Car Care Session	Porsche Omaha, 6625 I St.	1-3:00 pm
10th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am

April

14th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
25th-28th	Treffen Tamaya	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM	
28th	Social Pay-Your-Own-Way Dinner	Tavern 180, Omaha	6:00pm

May

12th	Fun Run	TBA	8:00 am
19th-20th	Spring Fling DE	RPM, Pacific Junction, IA	8:00 am
19th	Spring Fling Dinner at RPM		5:30 pm

June

9th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
15th-17th	Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced DE	MPH, Hastings	
16th	Club Race Party	TBA	
24th	Picnic	Walnut Grove Pavillion, Omaha	

July

8th-14th	63rd Annual Porsche Parade	Lake of the Ozarks, Tan-Tar-A Resort	
14th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
21st	Social Self-Pay Dinner	TBA	6:00 pm
28th	Summer Fun DE	RPM - Pacific Junction	9:00 am

August

11th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
25th	Fun Run	TBA	

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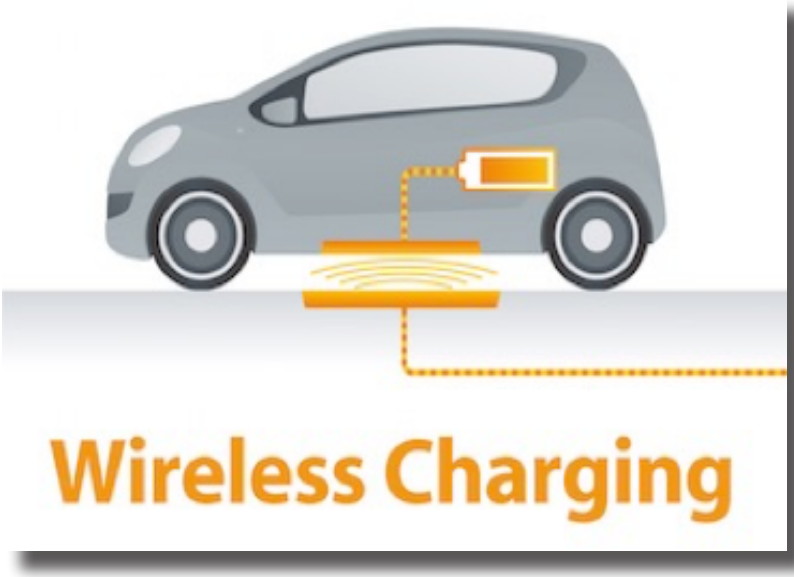
Gas Stations of the Future

By Jason Bien, GPR Member, Globally Certified Service Advisor, Porsche Omaha

The existing nomenclature for a location used to refuel a vehicle has remained unchanged for decades. The term "Gas Station", has been used over the years to describe the location where you may go to for any number of things, including of course, a place where you can fill up your vehicle. The universality of this term is now under threat of being cast into archaic obscurity. Contemporary terms like "Supercharger", "EV Power Station", and "Charge Point" are all currently being used to describe where one can charge their electric vehicle. The race is on for brand recognition and the most efficient yet elegant design for these stations. Many entrepreneurs are currently experimenting with different platforms and design ideas. What makes capital investment tricky right now is the rapidly changing design of EV vehicles. What was once AC (alternating current) charging is now turning into DC (Direct current) charging. What was once plug-in charging is now becoming inductive mat charging. Eventually, a final design will take root and allow significant infrastructure to grow and properly support this new shift in the automotive world. This market will be positively wonderful for convenient store designers. After all, even with today's best technology you're still waiting 15-20 minutes for an 80% charge. This time will allow for a whole new opportunity with retailers and food vendors. Where all gas stations now keep their pumps away from the convenient store, they will likely incorporate normal parking in with charging. Furthermore, manufacturers, including Porsche, are currently working with technology to allow charging mats to identify the vehicle that parks over them. With that information and an app on your phone, you will be able to simply drive over a charge mat, park, and receive a push notification on your phone seeking authorization to begin charging. Through an integration like this, there will no longer be a need to pay inside or stand outside in the cold next to the pump. Eventually, vehicles will be getting 600 or more miles to a charge. So a 15-20 minute charge will hardly be an inconvenience. Charging stations will likely be sponsored by certain manufacturers to help promote their products and offer things like free wifi and waiting lounges with theater seating playing commercials featuring their new vehicles. Of course, restaurant chains will rent space as well, to capitalize on this waiting period.



The risky thing about this business model is the potential for extremely quick "rapid" charging to emerge in the market. In the event battery technology reaches the point where a charge can be obtained in less than 5 minutes, business models may switch to more everyday locations and take form in ways such as vehicle charging mats in a fast food drive through. You can order a Big Mac and a Fast Charge for $15. We may

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even see charging on-the-go at stop lights in high traffic areas, as long as the city government has a way to bill you for it, progressive cities will find ways to get their piece of the pie too. Just think, after a couple stops at a stop light you've charged 50-80% and you'll get a bill at the end of the month very much like a city's toll system, vehicles will allow the driver to select "automatically allow" or "don't allow" for this type of automated charging. Seem far fetched? Just give it 5-10 more years…

In conclusion, the future for the continuance of the archetypal "gas station" is under certain threat of changing completely, even possible extinction. Depending on regulations, it may be soon illegal to drive gas-powered vehicles in large metropolitan areas. This will mark the beginning of new taxes and fees associated with owning a "gas station", making this business model more and more difficult to sustain. In 20 years time, small towns in rural area may be the only places you will find these gas stations existing. Gasoline vehicles will eventually be seen by the general population as slow, inefficient, smelly, noisy, and costly to maintain. In 10 years, a $30k car will do 0-60 in 3 seconds and go 600-800 miles on a charge, not to mention never needing to visit a service center for routine maintenance. Statistics like that will undoubtedly make for a difficult argument to go gas over electric for anything other than nostalgia. The future is here.

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~ Editor

The Great Plains Region Invites You to

Come *Track* with us!

Here are the dates for our 2018 DEs

Raceway Park of the Midlands

Spring Fling at RPM

May 19th-20th

8:00 am

MPH Motorsport Park Hastings

Club Race & Advanced DE at MPH

June 15th-17th

Raceway Park of the Midlands

Summer Fun DE at RPM

July 28th - 9:00 am

Raceway Park of the Midlands

Fall Finale DE at RPM

October 13th - 8:00 am

Porsches and Pancakes

Please join us the second Saturday of every month for a delicious breakfast and great conversation with your fellow Porsche friends. Bring your significant other, too!

We now meet at **Garden Café, 11040 Oak Street in the Rockbrook Shopping Center in Omaha.** Our next breakfast is February 10th at 8 am. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 7th to Steve Bartlett, Social Chair, at steve.bartlett100@gmail.com** so we have an idea of how many are coming.

16 Porsche friends braved the elements to enjoy breakfast together on January 10th. The table setup at Garden Café is very conducive to conversation so no one is left out. Don't miss our next gathering!

Photos by Joe Chambers

Meet a GPR Member

The GPR PCA is made up of a great group of members. This month's feature member is **Steve Gallagher**.

I was raised in Grand Island, Nebraska. I attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and UNMC College of Dentistry. While in the Air Force, I returned to UNMC to complete a Masters degree and Residency in Periodontics. After my Air Force career, I had a private practice in Periodontics. I "partially" retired in 2007 and completely retired in 2013.

I remember falling in love with Porsches while in High School. I had never driven one or even sat in one. I immediately liked the looks of the 911/912, and also everything I read about them. It was my dream car and it still is today! I returned from an overseas assignment in Spain in 1986. I went to the Porsche dealership in Omaha (Stan Olsen), and there was not a single 911 in their inventory! The salesman, Jim Olsen, told me there was a 1987 911 Targa arriving in a few days. It was triple black and I bought it before it reached the dealership! Unfortunately, I traded it two years later for a more "practical" car - a new Mercedes sedan. The Mercedes dealer had to give me several thousand dollars back to make the trade (you know I got a great deal on that!). They sold my 911 the next day!

In December, 2002, I stopped at the Porsche dealership again. They had a new 911 C4S in the showroom. I bought it before I even drove it (Mitch at Woodhouse Porsche knows what an easy sell I can be!). That was the year that Dave Hoffman talked me into joining the GPR Porsche Club. I've really enjoyed being in the club. It's great being around people who know so much about the cars. It has allowed me to enjoy my cars even more! I love all of the activities in the club such as the Fun Runs, dinners, parties etc. I invited one of my best friends, George Poullos, to come to a GPR event with me. He loved the event and enjoyed meeting our great members. He then joined the club! However, he must be very particular about his P-car, because I've never seen him driving it! The other 911s I've owned include a 2001 Turbo, a 2007 Turbo, and my current (and final one), a 2009 Turbo.

I've had so much fun as a member of the GPR Club! My favorite memory will be our "One Lap of the Great Plains", which we completed in the summer of 2010. Sandy Steckman brought up the idea of a group of us driving our Porsches on three racetracks in three states in the same day. I volunteered to organize the trip, arranging track time at each track, newspaper and TV coverage and hotel accommodations after the final stop at Heartland Park Topeka. We had 10 participants in seven cars for the event. The Omaha World Herald sent two reporters to cover the story. They joined us at the first track, formerly Mid America Motorplex, near Pacific Junction, Iowa. The reporters took pictures and video and then asked if they could ride with us to MPH in Hastings. They took more footage as we headed west and some more at the MPH track. At Hastings, reporters from the local newspaper and local NBC television station interviewed some of us. Subsequently, there were newspaper accounts and photos of our trip in the World Herald and Hastings newspapers. The NBC affiliate in Hastings showed a segment on their evening news, showing our cars and doing a short interview with me - my one minute of fame!

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After driving the MPH track, we fueled up for the long drive to Topeka. It was beautiful weather in Hastings, but as we approached Topeka, it was raining. We were greeted warmly by the track manager and staff. They opened the track and we were the only ones driving, as it had been at the other two tracks. We then drove to a nice restaurant in Topeka where we celebrated our successful and fun-filled trip with great food and drinks! We did it! Three racetracks in three states in one day - over 750 miles with no car issues - "nothing but smiles and great memories", as Sandy Steckman exclaimed! Sandy wrote an article and submitted photos documenting our adventure to Porsche Panorama magazine. They published a very nice four page article in the July, 2010 issue. They titled the article just like we suggested - One Lap of the Great Plains!

I look forward to many more enjoyable experiences and making more friends as our Great Plains Region continues to welcome new members. It's true - "You join for the cars, you stay for the people"!

Above: Part of the One Lap of the Great Plains group. Steve is in the front row of drivers on the right.

Below: Driving a lap.

Dear Great Plains Region Member,

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

If you have joined us in the past for the Annual Winter Party, the Spring Fling, the summer social in Hastings, or other events involving food and friendship, we hope you have experienced worthwhile events as a Porsche owner. Quality food, a suitable setting and the time to connect with other Porsche enthusiasts make outstanding events, and we would like to continue and improve them.

Revenue from track events, such as the annual Club Race and Driver Education events can help supply revenue to cover the cost of social events, but are insufficient and unreliable sources to support all of our annual events. Our $30 dues help offset minor club costs, but as a whole do not cover even one large social event during the year.

We thank Porsche Omaha and our individual sponsors in the past year, as well as the many volunteers who have allowed the membership as a whole to enjoy themselves with little to no money coming out of their own pockets to attend club social events.

The GPR needs **<u>your</u> <u>support</u>** to continue the legacy of a great Porsche Club organizing exceptional events. Please consider your support for the GPR for 2018.

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GPR January Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on January 2, 2018 via conference call.

Present were: Steve Gehring, Joe Chambers, Pete Jardine, Russ Rabeler, Kurt Halvorson, Steve Bartlett, Eric Elliott, Rick Mourey and Melinda Halvorson. Terry Lessmann was an apology.

Social:
December P&P held on 12/9 with good turnout. It was held at the Garden Café in Rockbrook. 2017 had a great social calendar. Events that had a good turnout will look to be repeated while other events that did not have great turnout will look to be improved along with some new and old ideas. Special thanks to Steve Gehring for his support this past year. Upcoming events include: P&P breakfast on 1/13 at Garden Café; Winter Party at Indian Creek GC on 1/20; P&P breakfast on 2/10; DE 101 or a Tech session on 3/3 and P&P breakfast on 3/10.

Safety/CDI:
No safety updates for January. Waiting for PCA National for any key DE and/or Fun Run rules changes for 2018. Have reached out to our insurance to see what premium increases there may be for 2018. Safety chair has fielded inquiries about more open passing in Blue run groups during DEs. Chair will form recommendations to present to the DE subcommittee (Steve Gehring, Rick Mourey, Joe Chambers and Terry Lessmann) for discussion.

Registrar:
No formal report.

Secretary:
The minutes of the November meeting were approved as distributed. Results of the 2018 GPR Board of Directors election were presented with the incumbents receiving nearly 100% of the 58 ballots received. A motion was passed to elect the 2018 GPR Board of Directors as presented on the ballot.

President:
The required annual report was completed and submitted to Nationals. The Club Race application was also completed and submitted.

Past President/Associate Editor:
No formal report.

Treasurer:
The opening account balance for December was $69,982.37 and the closing balance was $70,420.70. Receipts included Dues of $540, 2018 Advertising Income of $500, and Interest Income of $11.18. Expenses included Administration of $261.83, Newsletter of $102.51, and Social of $248.51.

Editor: There was a reminder of the January 15 deadline for the February Der Skooner. Articles planned include: Tech article by Jason Bien, Meet A Member, annual Treasurer report, Porsche Parade information, Sponsorship letter and if space allows Winter Party coverage. Nearly all advertisers have renewed for 2018.

Membership:
There are 67 paid GPR members for 2018. There are 271 National PCA Members in our region. There were 2 new National PCA Members and no new GPR Members added to our region and no transfers in or out of our region.

Webmaster:
The calendar will be updated with 2018 events. A blast email will be sent out for the January P&P and Winter Party.

Other Business:
Some additional raffle items for the Winter party are needed and are being sourced.

The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2018. It will be a call in meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Jardine
Secretary

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Porsche Parade, PCA's annual weeklong event, takes place in a new location each year. For 2018, we're heading to the Midwest — the summer resort town of Osage Beach on the Lake of the Ozarks. In addition to traditional Parade activities such as concours, autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, the location provides family-friendly fun with watersports, boating, golf, an indoor waterpark, and more.

To give you a feeling of the goings-on in and around the Lake of the Ozarks, check out the video at PCA.org: *www.PCA.org/event/2017-09-12/porsche-parade-2018*

Event registration dates will be announced via social media, *e-Brake News*, and email well in advance of opening.