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HANDS ON THE WHEEL

By Steve Gehring

Kudos to John Krecek

John Krecek, who has been an active member of our Club since 1997 and has been our Chief Driving Instructor for a number of years, has achieved a fine honor with Porsche Club of America. As was recently announced in Panorama, John was named the National Driver Education Chair. John has been on the National High Performance Driver Education Committee since 2015 and recently spearheaded an effort to develop a fine PowerPoint presentation for driver education.

John has been a PCA instructor for 17 years and his students all speak well of him. His son, **Jack**, has refurbished a 1987 924S as his daily driver and I know we will be seeing him on the track, as well as John in his 2009 C4S. Sincerest congratulations to John!

Upcoming and Planned Events

On April 30th, we will recreate our 2nd Annual Northern Loess Hills Fun Run, led by **Kim Burger**. It should be a great time again. We will plan lunch either at Roux's in Woodbine (if it is reopened by then) or at the Twisted Tail in exciting

downtown BeeBeeTown. Either way, it should be a great time. Watch for announcements.

On August 4th, Kim is also going to recreate the overnight event at the Hotel Pattee in Perry, Iowa. There are a limited number of rooms available, so get on this one early. It should also be fun.

We decided to look for a new venue for our 2019 annual winter party and we have settled on Champion's Run. I think we will have a great time there and we should have an excellent food selection. If you are those who calendar early, it will be January 19, 2019.

Thanks to Woodhouse

Steve Bartlett, our Social Chair, has an article and pictures on Page 8 of our tech and detail session at Woodhouse on Saturday, March 3rd. We are most appreciative of our terrific relationship with Woodhouse Porsche Omaha for its ongoing support of the Club and the great event it put on for us.

We look forward to whatever is going to happen on International Porsche Day on June 9th.

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Membership News

By Joe Chambers
Membership Chair

When you join the Porsche Club of America, you become a member of the largest independent, single marque club in the world. Membership is open to all Porsche owners, co-owners or lessees, who are 18 years of age or older. Club membership allows you to learn more about what your car can do, have more fun with it and get to know other Porsche owners who share your interests. We have fun, do cool stuff and drive some of the finest cars made. Come join the fun!

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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Welcome to our new PCA and GPR member:

Tim Kaplan, Omaha

and to our new GPR member:

Steve Barney, Omaha

Congratulations

to our members with an April PCA anniversary:

25 Years

Paul Novak

5 Years

Terry Lessmann

Scott Sturgeon

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



By the Numbers:

113 GPR members

268 PCA members

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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 meet at **Garden Café, 11040 Oak Street in the Rockbrook Shopping Center in Omaha.** Our next breakfast is **April 14th at 8am.** See you there!

Photo by Terry Lessmann



Nineteen came for breakfast at our March gathering but there was only one Porsche in the parking lot. Let's hope for more people and more Porsches at our next breakfast on April 14th.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

14 th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
25 th -28 th	Treffen Tamaya	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM	
28 th	Social Pay-Your-Own-Way Dinner See Page 9 for more information.	Tavern 180, Omaha	6:00 pm
30 th	2 nd Annual Northern Loess Hills Fun Run Watch your email for the latest on this fun event.	TBA	

May

12 th	Fun Run	TBA	8:00 am
19 th -20 th	Spring Fling DE Registration opens April 30 th .	RPM, Pacific Junction, IA	8:00 am
19 th	GPR Spring Fling Social at the Track	RPM	5:30 pm

June

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

July

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

August

4 th -5 th	Fun Run and Overnight at Hotel Pattee	Perry, IA	
11 th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
25 th	Fun Run	TBA	

September

8 th	Porsches & Pancakes	Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha	8:00 am
16 th	Social Self-Pay Dinner	TBA	6:00 pm

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Car Care and Tech Session at Porsche Omaha - March 3rd

Article and Photos by Steve Bartlett, Social Chair

On Saturday, March 3rd, 45 of our Club members and several customers invited by Woodhouse joined together to hear **Damon Gray** and **Logan Gray** from “Owner’s Pride” speak and demonstrate the latest in car care techniques. To make their presentation even more appealing, they were able to show us the newest in car care products on a new Panamera 4 Sport Turismo! They showed us a washing technique whereby a very thick sponge was used to apply (not scrub) a coating of water, which had been mixed with the concentrated wash “No Rinse” and the drying agent was “Hyperseal”, a concentrated washing solution. This application surrounded the dirt and grime with a molecular coating which then allowed it to be wiped off with a microfiber towel...without scratching or damaging the paint...no hose, no mess, 30-45 minutes and the car is clean! They also commented on the use of ceramic coatings for those who demand the very best in their paint jobs!

Andy Hipwell from the Omaha Porsche Service Department spent the next 45 minutes with us in the service bay describing and showing us the typical service points on a Cayman, from air filters to brakes. Particularly interesting was the difference in battery type and the different trickle chargers for each. A big thank you to Andy for doing this excellent show and tell and to **Mitch Schneringer** for hosting all of us!



Let's Meet for Dinner!

By Steve Bartlett, Social Chair

Back by popular demand, the Club is going to have a few dinner events throughout the year in the months when we have few other activities.

These self-pay dinners are not associated with a track day or fun run, they are simply a chance for you to have a cocktail, a nice dinner, and enjoy conversation with your friends from the GPR.

The first dinner this year is to be held on **Saturday, April 28th at 6:00 pm at Tavern 180, 203 N 180th St,**

Omaha. Please note the address is North 180th Street but it is actually south of Dodge.

RSVP dinner reservations to Steve Bartlett at steve.bartlett100@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 25th. It is very important to RSVP in order to ensure enough seating for all.

We had great food, great people and a great time here last year ... let's do it again this year. See you on the 28th!



Overnight Fun Run to Hotel Pattee

Kim Burger, our fun run guru, has put together another Western Iowa Driving Tour to Perry, Iowa with an overnight at the Hotel Pattee. The run goes out Saturday, August 4th with a return on Sunday, August 5th. Hotel Pattee is a unique venue with 40 rooms, each with its own design theme. Folks who went last time gave it rave reviews. There are 14 rooms reserved, of which four are taken already. Costs range from a classic queen at \$134 to a full suite at \$224. If you have an interest in this really fun event, let Kim know right away at kmburger37@icloud.com.



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I Want Your Car...

... on the front cover of Der Skooner!

I would like pictures submitted for consideration for the front cover to be portrait (vertical) orientation, please.

I also need pictures of your car(s) for Member Rides! Those can be any orientation. Send your JPG(s) to: gprnewsletter@gmail.com.

~ 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

Registration opens April 30th



**Club Race &
Advanced DE at MPH**

June 15th-17th

**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



**Summer Fun DE
at RPM**

July 28th - 8:00 am

**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



**Fall Finale DE
at RPM**

October 13th - 8:00 am

Drivers and their spouses, significant others, and kids
are invited to come to the

GPR Spring Fling Social at the Track

**Raceway Park of the Midlands
Pacific Junction, Iowa
Saturday, May 19th at 5:00 pm**

GPR and PCA members not participating in the DE are also welcome

Parade Laps 5:00-5:20 pm

Anyone can drive their car (any car or SUV) on the track,
following behind a pace car.

Speeds will be approximately 50% of the DE pace. Anyone can ride in the car, too.
No helmets required. Parade laps safely simulate the track experience, providing participants
the exhilaration of driving on a track.

NOTE: Anyone interested in participating in the parade laps should arrive at the track **by 4:30pm** to ensure all appropriate
release forms are signed before the activities begin. No one will be allowed on the track without signing a release form.

Food & Drinks 5:30 pm - ?

The GPR will supply sodas and water. BYOB if that is your preferred beverage.

NOTE: Alcohol consumption will not be allowed until the Parade Laps are completed.

PCA rules prohibit any alcohol consumption while cars are on the track.

Attitude on Food will be catering the event:

Pulled pork sliders w/fried onions, pickles, slaw

OR

Ground beef sirloin on brioche slider buns with bacon jam, sliced tomatoes and Frisee

SIDES: Assorted BBQ sauces, AOF's famous Mac N Cheese, Home-made BBQ chips

Fresh fruit skewer

Plates and silverware included

Dinner MUST BE PRE-PAID by Monday, May 14th on our secure website:

www.gprpca.com

\$12 for each adult and \$6.00 for each child under age 16.

**Important notice: The food truck will have enough for those who pay in advance;
those who don't pre-pay should not plan on eating. No late RSVPs or payments accepted.**

Meet a GPR Member

The GPR/PCA is made up of a great group of members. This month's feature member is **Dave Andersen**.

1. *When did you join the PCA?*
1996

2. *What Porsche(s) have you owned and what do you currently own?*
Currently co-own two Porsches: a '95 midnight blue/gray 911 C2 coupe, and Denny Strauss's old 1970 911 "ST" vintage race car. I call it "Ol' Yeller." It's awesome. (See picture below.)



Above: Lt. Andersen, 1988



I've also had a few other 911s in the past. A '96 911 C2 coupe (also midnight blue/gray), and an '87 black/tan 911 Carrera Coupe.

My first Porsche was a '74 914 2.0, which I bought in 1985. It was the black & yellow "bumble bee" version of the Can Am Limited Edition 914 series that Porsche did that year. These were also available in the white/orange "creamsicle" color scheme. Anyway, this 914 was my

DD for the three years I owned it. I loved that car, and have a few stories around it coming up shortly.

3. *Where are you from?*

Born and raised in Omaha. '79 Westside High grad, '83 UNL grad.

4. *What is your career/current occupation?*

I currently work as Director of Sales for a fintech startup in Omaha, ATS Secured. I've had several careers, but

my favorite by far was my 9 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy flying F-14 'Tomcat' fighters as a RIO (Radar Intercept Officer). I mention this because it factors into my 914 ownership.

5. *What makes your car(s) special?*
Well, Ol' Yeller is just a cool old race car. It was superbly built around the 2003-2004 time-frame by Cox Motorsports in Kansas City, and Denny vintage raced it for several years after that. It still has a full cage, basically it's still set up to race. The motor's a Cox-built 2.5 liter mag case with big 46MM Webers. It's way over carb'ed for the street and there's no torque below about 5K. Above 5K the power comes on hard almost like it's boosted, and it'll rev to 8K and it makes power all the way to redline. The 915 transaxle has super close ratios from 2-5 to keep the motor in its power band, but it's not ideal for the street. Denny had Cox detune it slightly for street use after he was done racing it, and it runs fine on 91 octane gas. But it's still raw, rough, loud, hot...it's still a friggin' race car. I can only stand to drive the thing for maybe an hour at a time.

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I really need to get some Hoosiers on it and get it out on the track.

6. Next Porsche or current project?

Mmm, boy, that's a tough one. Of the older Porsches I'd like a 914-6. Of the newer models, maybe a Cayman GT4.

7. Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Buying that '74 914, my first Porsche. That's a pretty good story.

So it's June 1985, I'd just completed Navy flight training in Pensacola, FL and earned my "wings of gold" as a Naval Flight Officer. I've got orders for F-14 Tomcat training at NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach and I have 30 days before I have to report there. I had quite a lot of unused leave so my wife, Leslie, and I decided to take a vacation to Disney World. So we drove down there and on the way I picked up an Auto Trader at a truck stop...if you're old enough you remember those paper

Auto Traders back in the day, "B.I." (before internet).

And so we get to our hotel at Disney World and that night I'm in bed perusing the Auto Trader and I spot a black & white photo ad for a black & yellow '74 914. I didn't know much about 914s at that point and don't know why, but the car just totally grabbed my attention. So over the next day or two, and as most of you can probably relate, I cannot get this car out of my head. I had black & yellow 914 fever. Bad. The car was in Vero Beach, about 2.5 hours away from Wally World, and we were going to be there the whole week, so of course I started plotting.

Well, you know what happens next...I call the owner, he still has the 914, it sounds like a great car, and so I fess up to Leslie about my interest in this 914 and I even talk her into diverting a day of our Disney vacation to go look at it. Of course she wasn't real thrilled about giving up a day of her vacation to accommodate my car lust, but hey, what are you gonna do?

So she goes with me to Vero Beach, God bless her, and we look at and drive this 914. And it is everything the owner, Bevin (I still remember his name!), claimed it was over the phone. He'd obviously been OCD with it as it was just pristine, and he's asking a pretty fair price. We can't really afford it at the time, and you have to realize that the 914 was the red-headed step child of Porsches back then, so they were pretty cheap, even nice ones. So, of course, I bought it anyway, but only after much "sweet talking" of my wife Leslie (she might say "incessant cajoling").

We go back home to P'cola, then a week or so later after I'd reached a deal with Bevin the owner, we drive down to Gainesville as a halfway point to meet him, pick up the 914 and drive it back to P'cola. 914s, even with the Bosch electronic FI system, had a vapor lock problem, this is late June in Florida, so of course it stalls several times on the way home. But hot damn, I'm a cocky young fighter jock and I've got me a Porsche!

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I did find a good P-car mechanic in P'cola who fixed the vapor lock issue and a week or so later in mid-July 1985 Leslie and I packed up and moved to Virginia Beach, swapping driving duties between the 914 and our Ford Bronco II. Given it was mid-July in the south you can guess who got the air conditioned Bronco II for most of the trip. But I sure had a great sweating my butt off in that 914.

I had a low point or two with that car, too. The worst memory was in early 1987 when my squadron lost an aircrew in a plane crash. It was on a Saturday in March, and we usually didn't fly on weekends, but for whatever reason that weekend we did, and we had an aircrew (a pilot and a RIO) out flying an airshow demo practice toward getting qualified to perform F-14 flight demonstrations at airshows. There was a specific flight "syllabus" you had to complete as a aircrew in order to get demo qualified, and at the time they did the demo practice flights over a Navy bombing and strafing range in Dare County, NC. It was a large area of flat coastal swamp covered with an 80' tree canopy just to the west of the Outer Banks near Cape Hatteras.

So, a bunch of us officers are in the squadron ready room hanging out and the squadron duty officer gets a phone call from the Dare range controller that he could no longer see our jet flying, there was a column of smoke a couple of miles north of his location and he didn't see any chutes. Radios calls to the crew via our squadron radio frequency get no response. Not good.

Long story short, basically what happened was the pilot messed up a maneuver and flew his jet into the ground. Both he and his RIO were killed. Two really great guys, such a loss. I remember jumping in my 914 to speed over (and boy did I!) to my CO's house to pick up his wife and bring her back to the ready room, as she was close friends with the wife of the pilot who was killed. That was not a good day or necessarily a great 914 memory.

But it was a super fun car. My wife even loved driving it. Again, it was my DD for three years and then I sold it in the summer of '88 to buy a '65 Shelby GT350, which I might add I stupidly sold in 1998. But that's a whole 'nother story.

8. What got you interested in Porsches?

My earliest memory of Porsche was when I was 9 or 10, so around '69 or '70. My mom played a lot of tennis and one of the ladies in her league

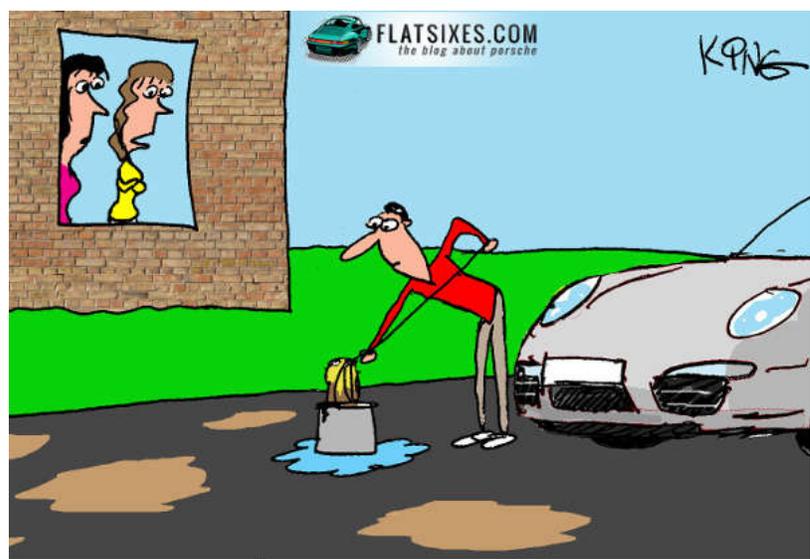
had a bright green 911 Targa. I remember being totally captivated by it. That's probably what sparked my Porsche interest.

9. Any other dream cars you would own?

Oh, heck yes. Now, along with the two 911s, I also co-own a 2000 black/tan Ferrari 550 Maranello. Fabulous car. There are a few other F-cars I have my eye on, so you might say there's a bit of inter-marque rivalry going on in my head over what could be next.

I also have a 2013 Mustang Boss 302 that's kind of been my track car. So, along with German and Italian sports and GT cars, I'm also an old Detroit muscle car guy. But I love these modern American muscle machines, I think they're the best of all worlds. So I wouldn't mind a new Shelby GT350, an "R", of course.

Unfortunately, Leslie says something has to go before something else comes in. Oh well...



"He doesn't like driving his Porsche on the muddy roads, so he cleans them first. A two mile trip takes him nine hours."

DE 101 Plus

By Rick Mourey, Safety Chair

It's getting close to that time of year again, and while there are some benefits to a DE Off-Season, I think we can all agree it's time for this one to end. This year the Great Plains Region has four DE events planned. Three are being held at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM) in Pacific Junction, Iowa and one advanced DE during our Club Race at Motorplex Hastings (MPH) in Nebraska. This year, two of our DEs will be one-day events at RPM in Iowa and we plan to introduce an "expanded passing" run group pilot during our July DE. For more details on this year's DE schedule, check out the GPR website (www.gprpca.com) and review Terry Lessmann's (GPR Registrar) great DE article in the March issue of Der Skooner.

For our DE regulars, we look forward to seeing you at the May event in Iowa. While the first Spring Fling DE has typically been held in April, our weather challenges of recent years: sleet, cold temperatures, pouring rain, thunder and lightning, convinced us that having the first DE later in the spring may work out better for everyone.

For those of you who have considered doing a DE with the Great Plains Region but have wondered what it's all about or have been concerned with "tracking" your car, let's review a few key highlights of what Drivers Education can offer you. First and foremost, "Drivers Education" is not racing, nor it's not about laying down the fastest lap times of the day. What the DE experience does provide is safe, controlled, and instructed on-track sessions,

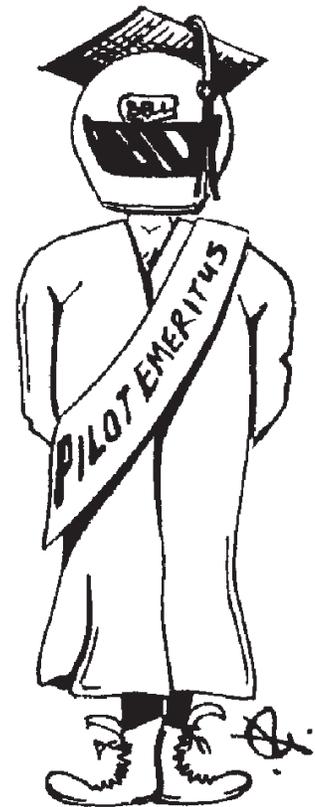
where you can learn more about the performance characteristics of your Porsche. As a Novice driver you are only on the track with an instructor and other novice drivers (who also have instructors). The beginning of your day begins with a drivers' meeting/safety briefing held by the Safety Chair, and follows with classroom instruction led by the Chief Driving Instructor (CDI). Following your first class, your instructor for the day (and the Great Plains Region has one of the best instructor crews in the country) will sit with you to discuss what you would like to get out of the day's sessions. They will ask about your specific goals, review aspects of the safety briefing again and will tailor their approach and coaching to your needs and objectives. Your instructor will work with you in "your" comfort zone and the capabilities of your car. They will recap each session with you and discussion objectives for the upcoming session. In between your on-track instructor sessions will be additional classroom time that will cover track dynamics such as line, braking zones, corner apexes, cornering techniques, etc., and answer any questions you or your fellow drivers may have.

Throughout all of this, you will have the opportunity to meet and engage with other drivers at the event. The paddock area is full of folks with a wealth of experience which they are all willing to share, and it is a great place to check out all the great cars (even non-Porsches). Have a question on tire pressure, suspension, how your car is running, or need to borrow a tire gauge, torque wrench, etc., all you have to do is ask some-

one. If they don't have the answer or tool, they are going to walk you over and introduce you to someone who does.

Interested in more detail? See the DE 101 Power Point we have recently added to the GPR website. It will walk you through how to prep for a DE event, what to bring, what to expect at the track, and much more. Also, as is always the case, feel free to reach out to any of the GPR Board Members via the website with any questions. We will always get you to the right person.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our DE events this year.



Sebring 2018

Article and Photos by Joe Chambers, Membership Chair

Bucket list, we all have one. Ticking them off is one of life's pleasures. I was fortunate to check the box on the "12 hours of Sebring" on March 17th. The most fortunate part was witnessing Porsche fight tooth and nail to finish P1 and P3 in the GTLM class. After a dismal Daytona, I admit that my confidence in Porsche was in question. What a difference a race makes.

I departed my sister's house in Sarasota at 6:15 am. It was still dark out and I was traveling country roads headed east. I could tell there was nothing out there but cow fields and orange groves. I was headed to central Florida, out in the middle of nowhere, to where Sebring lives. The sun started rising as I turned into the entrance to the track. When I had arrived at the city limits of Sebring I could smell smoke. As I waited in line to get into the track I could see the haze that contained the smoke. Here I sat thinking I had picked the worst year to do Sebring. I asked the ticket girl what the smoke was and she said there was a wild fire nearby but they expected it to clear out when the sun came up. Thank goodness she was right. Once the sun was fully up a slight breeze started to clear the air and it turned into a beautiful day.

A race like this is a lot more than the race itself. All of the major race car manufacturers, tire makers, oil companies and a host of other car related vendors have big displays showcasing their products. Then there is the sideshow of the infield. There was a DJ, a bikini contest (during the race at noon), food vendors and



Above: The drivers of #912.

souvenir tents. The entire infield is occupied with campsites and RVs. Next to a brand new Prevost motor coach you might see a 2-man pup tent. Among the many interesting decorations were a live rooster, a fish tank (yes, live fish) and some things only meant for mature audiences. It is quite a spectacle to behold.

A nice perk for PCA members is access to the PCA hospitality tent officially know as the Porsche Corral or Porscheplatz. All you do is show your membership card and you are given a wristband. All of the soft drinks and water are free. The race is televised on a couple of TV screens and there are a lot of prizes given away throughout the day. It's perfect for circling back to for a little rest after spending time around the track in the sun.

Prior to the race I was exploring the pit area and just happened to walk up on the crowd queuing up for the grid walk. I hadn't planed on doing the walk. Surprisingly, I ended up on the ropes where all of the drivers walked to the stage to be introduced pre-race. One after another there went Long, Tandy, Juan Pablo, Dixon, Auberlen.... it was just a stroke of luck.

For the start of the race I chose to be in the bleachers at the famous Turn 17. It's the final turn onto the straightaway. Just like you, I couldn't believe how incredibly rough that turn is. In person it is mesmerizing to watch those cars come bouncing and sliding through the turn. If you are ever down there I highly recommend camping out at Turn 17 for a while. As the day went on I managed to walk the entire track and visit every corner on the circuit. My phone

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said I walked 6.2 miles, 15,749 steps and 6 floors climbed (the bridges over the track).

It was around five in the afternoon that I really started to sense that Porsche was going to contend for the win. Around that time there had been a series of caution flags that resulted in several restarts. The dance between the Prototype, GTLM and GTD classes is always great fun to watch. It's incredibly thrilling for the pace car to turn off the lights and dive for pit road. The sound and smell of those machines simultaneously going full throttle is intoxicating. I sat at turn 17 watching in awe as Porsche held position. It was a thing of beauty to see the 911 and



Above: Turn 17

912 flying through the turn amazingly flat and killing it. I screamed and I fist pumped as they blew by.

I departed the track about 6:30pm to get back to my sister's house to shower and watch the finish of the race. I couldn't believe Porsche was still at the top. When the checkered

flag finally flew it was like Daytona never happened. Well done Porsche Team, you made us all proud. This was my 4th major race with the last being the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2016. What had started out with smoke and the thought that this was going to be a disastrous day turned out to be my most exciting race experience to date. My confidence in Porsche had been fully restored.

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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 **your support** to continue the legacy of a great Porsche Club organizing exceptional events. Please consider your support for the GPR for 2018.

Sincerely,

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GPR March Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Social: February P&P held on 2/10 with good turnout. March Car Care Session at Porsche of Omaha on 3/3 was well attended with 41 registrants. Upcoming events include: P&P breakfast on 3/10 at Garden Café; P&P breakfast on 4/14; and self pay dinner on 4/28 at Tavern 180.

Safety/CDI: Updated driving tour (fun run) standards were released by PCA effective February 2018. Notable updates include participants are now required to drive with “lights on” and reinforcement of obtaining waiver signatures and participating minor’s waiver being signed by Parent or Legal Guardian. The GPR Fun Run leader’s checklist has been updated so that GPR tour events continue to be managed in-line with PCA expectations. The board voted to add a diving tour segment to the GPR website. Updated DE standards were noted in last month’s report with the following being added and/or highlighted: PCA is reinforcing the need for waiver signatures for all drivers and attendees including those who are participating in “parade laps” including minors. Minor waiver form must be signed by both parents or both legal guardians if applicable. The Board discussed front gate waiver process. Safety Chair attended the Zone 10 Region meeting and had the following highlights: 1) Insur-

ance premiums remain low but there are concerns about driving tour events where PCA has had some issues; 2) Social media standards were discussed. There will be a DE Instructor refresher course held prior to the season’s first DE in May.

Registrar: The insurance waiver for the Car Care session was printed and displayed at the event. Waiver forms and signatures were printed and gathered at the event.

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

President: Met with Chris & Erin Coda and Brandon & Jen Koom in regards to the summer picnic to be held on June 24th at Walnut Grove Park. The Board voted to approve a \$250 budget for door prizes for the picnic. Options were presented on changing the venue of the annual Winter Party. Response from the Board was that a change in venue would be good so further research into options will continue. The goal is to keep the cost about the same.

Past President/Associate Editor: It was noted that GPR member John Krecek was featured in the February 2018 issue of Panorama for his role as the chair of the National Driver Education Committee and his role as a participant on the National High Performance Driver Education Committee.

Treasurer: The opening account balance for February was \$67,294.92 and the closing balance was \$74,560.26. Receipts included Dues of \$360, Club Sponsorship of \$5,750, 2018 Advertising Income of \$500, PCA Rebate of \$775 and Interest Income of \$12.02. Expenses included Administration of

\$11.97 and Newsletter of \$119.71. It was mentioned that GPR sponsorship for 2018 totaled \$6,825 versus \$9,750 at this time last year.

Editor: There was a reminder of the March 15 deadline for the April Der Skooner. The April issue will highlight the upcoming Spring Fling DE event, a sponsor thank you, article and pictures on the March Car Care session, Meet a GPR Member, the self-pay dinner at Tavern 180, and International Porsche Day to be held in June.

Membership: There are 111 paid GPR members for 2018. There are 268 National PCA Members in our region. There was 1 new combined National PCA Member and GPR Member added to our region, 1 new PCA Member added to our region and no transfers in or out of our region.

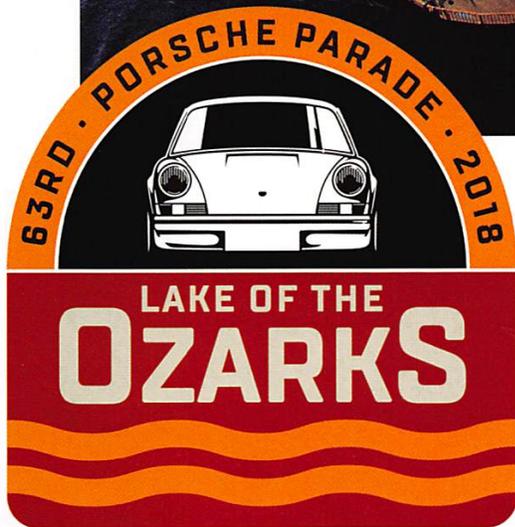
Webmaster: The website was updated to add the International Porsche Day to the calendar. A blast email will be sent out for the March P&P. Webmaster will present ideas for the revamp of the GPR website in the next few weeks.

Other Business: None.

The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2018 at the office of Cline Williams.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Jardine
Secretary

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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.