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**HANDS ON THE WHEEL**

By Steve Gehring

**Thank you**

This is my last Hands on the Wheel column. In January, and for the next 2 years, you will be enlightened and entertained by **Joe Chambers**, our incoming President. I want to tell all of you what a privilege and a pleasure it has been to serve as President over the past 2 years, particularly during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration last year.

Over the last 2 years, we have held about 45 events for our members. I want to thank all of the people on the Board for their tireless efforts, as well as all of you out there who volunteer to assist and who attend our events. As **Denny Strauss** always reminds me, it is the people, not the cars.

I know Joe and the incoming Board will continue to plan fun, exciting and unusual events for our almost 150 members. Thank you, again, for letting me be a part of it.



*The Great Plains Region Board of Directors would like to thank Steve for serving as President for the past two years. This important Board position takes a great deal of time, and Steve did it very well. Thank you.*

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# Membership News

By Joe Chambers  
Membership Chair

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## Congratulations

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5 Years

**Stuart McNally**

*Welcome* to new PCA members:

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**David Sutter, Omaha**

Our apologies to **Bryan McGee** who was not listed in the last issue of *Der Skooner* with the new GPR members who joined in 2018.

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# By the Numbers

149 GPR members

265 PCA members

# On the Cover

GPR members had a beautiful Fun Run drive to the Loess Hills in October. More photos on Page 10-11. Photo by Armando Colorado.

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## December

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## January 2019

12<sup>th</sup> Porsches & Pancakes Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha 8:00 am

19<sup>th</sup> GPR Annual Winter Party Champions Run, Omaha 6:00 pm  
See Page 8 for your invitation. You must be a current GPR member to attend.  
**RSVP on our website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## February

9<sup>th</sup> Porsches & Pancakes Garden Café, 11040 Oak St., Omaha 8:00 am

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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## Porsches and Pancakes - November 10<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen GPR friends braved a chilly morning to have breakfast together at Garden Café on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

We meet the second Saturday of every month. Please join us for our next Porsches and Pancakes breakfast on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. We always have a morning of good food and and even better conversation. Bring your significant other, too!



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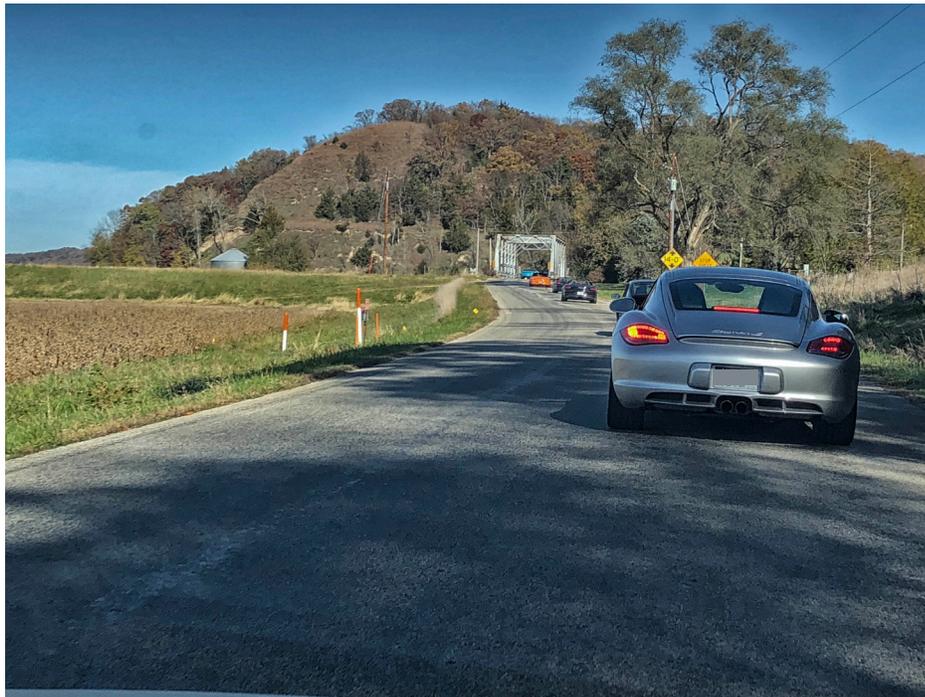
~ Editor

# Southern Loess Hills Fun Run - October 27<sup>th</sup>

Photos by Armando Colorado and Jeff Sena

About 30 GPR members enjoyed a beautiful fall Fun Run to the Southern Loess Hills with lunch at Waubonsie Station restaurant in Tabor, Iowa.

Be sure to watch the 2019 calendar for more fun run events. More pictures on Page 10.



# More Fun Run Pictures



# Meet a GPR Member

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

My road to GPR goes through MPH.

My childhood through junior high involved horsepower, one horse at a time. My father and I rode and showed horses in Iowa. I traded my last horse for a car just prior to turning 16 and moving to Lincoln, NE. The horse outlasted the 1948 Chevy. In only six months I found oil all over the street. During my years at Southeast High, followed by ten years at the University of Nebraska, cars were only a means of transportation.

I completed my dental training in 1973 followed by two years in the Army Dental Corp at Fort Devens near Boston. Cathy and I returned in 1975 to Lincoln with our two boys for my residency in Orthodontics. I joined my father-in-law in his orthodontic practice in Hastings in 1977.

Our son Matt joined me in 2005 and I fully retired in 2011. Matt is a fourth generation Nebraska Dental graduate.

I have always had a desire for horsepower and performance growing up during the muscle car era. Finally as I approached 40 years of age my road to owning a Porsche started. I first owned a Fiero GT, then a 1965 Corvette (the numbers didn't match), a 350Z followed by a 2000 Audi TT. I bought the TT in Philadelphia on a Saturday which required an all night road trip back to Hastings for work on Monday.

When MPH opened in 2006 I owned the TT and was in the second Full Throttle driving class. I became an early Guardrail member at MPH. In less than a year I was looking for a Porsche to replace the little TT.



I found a 2003 911 C2 on AutoTrader that was located in Colorado. After a couple of days of thought and negotiations I asked the owner if he would take a personal check on a Sunday if I met him in eastern Colorado. He hesitated until he found out I was from Hastings and asked if I knew the guy that drives the Bacardi Bus at MPH. When he found out I have known George Anderson since he was 18 and pledged my fraternity and a Guardrail member at MPH, he thought my check might be good. My 911 already knew MPH.

Prior to my first Porsche DE I participated in a NASA DE at MPH. My instructor was John Clark, the prior owner of my 911. During a service visit at Porsche of Omaha my wife spotted a Boxster in Sapphire Blue in the showroom and mentioned that I should get one that color. As most guys know, that is an immediate invitation to buy. My 2015 Cayman S was ordered. I expect this will be my final Porsche unless the Power Ball comes in

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and then I would love to have a Singer-prepared 964. They are a work of art.

The highlight of the track season for me is when GPR comes to Hastings. I was warmly welcomed at my first GPR DE as a new driver and member of PCA. I have been able to participate in two Saturday drives out of Omaha. My only regret is that Omaha, where most of the Club events take place, is not a 100 miles closer. Membership in GPR PCA makes owning a Porsche all that more special.

I would like to invite each of you to frequently check the MPH website, [www.racemph.com](http://www.racemph.com), as we have a number of Guardrail/Fast Friday track days that are open to all drivers.



John out on the track at a GPR DE event at MPH.

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## PCA Club Race - Motorsport Ranch, Texas - 2018

By Shawn Keeler, GPR Member

Welcome back race fans! Hard to believe the race season has already come to an end, and of course it didn't end without some excitement. More on that later. The last PCA race of the season took me south to warmer weather, or at least I thought it would be warmer. Since I was not able to attend the PCA Club Race at Hallett in Oklahoma due to a scheduling conflict, I decided to venture down to Texas and take on the big state boys at Motorsport Ranch just outside of Fort Worth.

I wouldn't say I am pro, but after multiple race trips I have got packing and loading the trailer down pretty good. Prepping and staging of items in the shop over the course of a few days prior to the trip helps tremendously and reminds you of things

you would normally forget. Basically, being more organized and not in a hurry the day of the race. As a habit to my other race trips to tracks I have never been to before, I travel to the track a day earlier than the PCA events and participate in the track's "Test & Tune". This gives me a full day of track time prior to jumping into the deep end come race day. Plus, what I have found traveling is most of these races are made up of local drivers. So being competitive in a field of 20-30 drivers when you are 1 of maybe 3 people that don't drive that track monthly, it is definitely difficult.



With everything loaded and packed up, I hit the road from my shop in Plattsmouth, NE and started the journey. It didn't take long into the trip before my hopes of warmer weather were squashed. After just passing Auburn, NE it began to snow and it literally either snowed or poured rain until I pulled into the hotel across from the track in Cresson, TX. I was hoping this wasn't an omen for the weekend. Cold is one thing but traveling 11 hours to run in the cold and rain, would just be miserable. Much to my surprise,

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when morning came it was dry. Cold, but dry. Temps were supposed to be mid 50s much of the weekend, but again dry. Ok, I can deal with that.

All that aside, if you get the opportunity to make it down to Motorsport Ranch, you won't be disappointed. The track is only 1.7 miles long, but it seems much much bigger than that - lots of technical sections with a couple fast straights. They do have the ability to make the track into a 3.1 mile configuration, but from my discussions they do not do this very often, because the other 1.3 mile "backside" of the track is used by Drive Xotics. Drive Xotics is a company that allows you to drive their super-cars on the track, for a small fee of course. I had my truck and trailer set up by their facility, and it was quite impressive the hardware they had on display.

Friday, the practice day before the PCA festivities went quite well. I was steadily getting faster and more importantly shaving off time on my laps. Again, temps were cool, but if you heated the tires and brakes up properly, cars were running very well

and fast. As the day concluded I was pleased with my performance and was able to consistently put down 1:24-1:25 lap times, which would put me right in the middle of the pack.

Saturday, another cool morning but dry. As with every PCA Club Race, the day begins with a drivers meeting to sort out the details for the weekend. This event was a bit different from other races I participated in this season. Overall, it would be comprised of practice sessions, a fun race and two 40-minute sprint races, and finally a 60-minute enduro. This would be my first time doing a 40-minute race and an enduro. So, I was looking forward to the seat time. Practice sessions went well and I ended up in the 11<sup>th</sup> grid spot for the first sprint race. I have found this season that the GTB1 class is a tough spot to be in, you are usually right in the middle. With Cup Cars at the top and lower class below, you sometimes spend the bulk of race alone, and this ended up being the situation. I had a great start, event free and held it throughout the race. It's amazing when cars/classes are within 2-3 seconds of each other, how spread out the field gets. Doesn't seem like much, but it adds up quickly. I think the real action of the weekend could be had in the

"Red Run Group", comprised of the 944s and Boxsters. If you looked down the list, from top to bottom, they were all separated by a couple seconds, which made for some great racing to watch! The race day concluded with a nice PCA Sponsored Dinner/Social Hour at the clubhouse; I really enjoy these. It's a great way to meet people and meet the people driving next to you.

Sunday started out just the same as the other two days, cold. I recall having to scrape the truck windows before heading over to the track that morning, brrrr. I got over to the trailer early and went down my race day checklist to get the car in order for the day's battle. After attending a brief driver's meeting, it was time for practice. Despite it being cold out, everyone was having a fine time warming their cars up and putting down decent lap times. I ended up staying out the whole practice session, just to be sure I was good to go for the second sprint race of the weekend. Sprinkled in-between the weekend's races, were the local PCA Club's DE sessions - a great display of high-performance street/track cars ripping around the track and paddock.

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Grid time, feeling comfortable with my 10<sup>th</sup> place grid position, I was warmed up and ready to go. The group heads out on the track and we begin our warm-up lap under yellow. After a lap and half of warm-up, we start to slow down and bunch up for the start. If you get a chance to look at the track map for Motorsport Ranch, you will have a good visual of how the start takes place. Leading up to the start, it begins going through a left-hander named "Tombstone", this puts you on the fastest straight of the track leading into "Big Bend". This a big sweeping left-hander that allows you to carry the majority of the speed you built up into the second straight of the track. At the end of this straight it flows into a tight, hard right-hander. known as "Rattlesnake". This section is very tight and really can only be navigated by one car at a time. Now that you have a good feel for the track, let's go green. The flag station for green is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the main straight, at ground level. Very hard to see from the inside, which I was. So, I knew the only way to get a jump on the start was to ride the driver in front of me and wait for the outside car's engine note to signal me. We go green, and the field launches towards Big Bend. I was able to pick up a position in the corner and rocket down the straight and set up for Rattlesnake. Just past pit in I pick up another position and gain about three car lengths on him. Setting up for Rattlesnake can be done in several ways, since I had the corner by quite a distance, I decided to set-up from the outside and work my way in.

At full speed still, I lift slightly to

start braking and begin my set-up for the corner when something happens that no one ever wants to happen while on the track. I feel an impact on my side and begin to spin. In mid spin, another impact and this time I spin completely around traveling backwards off the track. Of course, a million things are going through your mind, but the one thing I remembered that I believe **John Krecek** told me years ago the first time I ever went to the track, "If you are going off in a spin, you are going off. So, the best thing you can do is put both feet in." And that exactly what I did. As soon as I knew there was no return, I put both feet in and hoped for the best. After I came to a stop, and sat for a couple seconds, I re-fired and got back on track. Not knowing exactly what the condition of my car was, I made the lap around, pitted and headed to black flag. A couple people walked around the car and other than the obvious body damage, I had no leaking fluid, but I did have a broken rear wheel. This having been my first, and hopefully my last on track incident, protocol states that after the race you have 30 minutes to go to the Race Steward to tell your side of events and show the in-car video of incident. When my friends poked fun of me saying, "Do you think you have enough cameras in there?" I can say, nope. You can never have too many. After showing my four different camera angles to the Race Steward, he deliberated for about 15 seconds and he apologized for the situation and wished me a safe drive home. Long story short, I was cleared of any fault, which was the only thing I cared about. In PCA Club Racing they run under the 13/13 rule. Meaning, if you are in an incident, and you are at fault, you get a ding on your license. If you get

another in 13 months, you are out for 13 months. They take this very seriously.

So now what? Even though I did have another set of wheels with me, without the ability to really check the car out, I just didn't feel comfortable racing the car in the afternoon enduro. I decided to start packing and make my way back home. I did talk with the other driver, and he apologized immensely. He felt just plain terrible. He really was a nice guy and a club racer for over a decade. A combination of new brake pads and low temperatures outside were to blame; the other driver didn't have the stopping power and locked up. We ended up chatting for a while and exchanged contact information, so we could keep in touch, and that was that.

After loading up and heading down the road I must have replayed the experience a million times in my head. Could I have done something differently, should I have just backed off on the start, etc. In the end, I came to the conclusion I did nothing wrong, and it was just one of those bad days racing. I ended up rolling into the shop at 2:00am Monday morning, did a quick unload and went home for a quick night's sleep before heading to the office.

I told myself I wasn't even going to look at the car for a month, so I could let it rest and not add up the damage in my head. But that "break" lasted about four days. I ended up spending a good day going through the car from front to back. In the end, it looks like a new door is needed, a new wheel and some work on the rocker. All in all, easy fixes for me and my skilled friends. I was

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# PAINT SIP FUN

Article and photos by Melinda Halvorson, Editor

Eleven GPR ladies met for a ladies-only event to paint, sip, and have fun at Creative You Door Decor in Valley, Nebraska on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The process begins with picking a shape to paint. Next comes deciding on a design for your shape. Pinterest comes in very handy for this! Angela Davidson, owner of Creative You Door Decor, helped all of us with designs, color choices, spraying each door decoration so it can be hung outside, and she even created all of the beautiful coordinating bows for each piece. We all had a wonderful time and decided

we might like to do it again in the Spring - there are so many designs to choose from!

My thanks to **Cindy Chambers, Erin Coda, Julie Jardine, Mary Knight, Carol Lynch, Theresa Mourey, Jody Poullos, Luann Rannals, Pat Shanley, and Stephanie Vanone** for participating. Thank you, also, to the Board for providing appetizers for the group.

If you have ideas for future ladies only events, please let me know!



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fortunate that it wasn't worse, and no one was hurt. After accepting the outcome and making a mental checklist of my winter to-do items for next year's racing season, I got an email I wasn't expecting. It was from the gentleman that hit me. He wanted to know how the trip back was, if I was ok, and to apologize again. He also wanted to confirm my address and the year/make of my car because he wanted to send me a brand-new door. Wow...I really wasn't expecting that at all. When you take part in the sport that I do, there are certain risks you have to take, and this one of them. This just goes to show the type of people in this organization and how seriously they take not only the racing, but the comradery, truly top notch.

What can I say? The 2018 PCA Club Racing Season was amazing! I cannot wait until the 2019 season begins and I can get back on the track with some great people and see the friends I have made throughout the year.

Last but not least, I want to thank some very special people. Without them I would not have made it this far. My wife, for letting me pursue this sport. **Joe Chambers** and **Sally Knapp** for their words of wisdom over the years. Porsche Omaha, for keeping my car going straight. Last but not least, Rebellion Forge Racing, for the ongoing trackside support and keeping my car the rocket ship that it is. See you all next race season!

*Thank you, Shawn, for sharing your first year of PCA Racing as a rookie with us.  
~ Editor*

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# 2018 New Member Dinner

By Joe Chambers, Membership Chair, Photos by Melinda Halvorson, Editor

2018 was a very good year for new members joining the GPR. We had 20 new members join our ranks so far this year. 2017 set the membership bar pretty high with 155 members. That number was helped by the fact that it was our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. The anniversary party at Hilton Omaha, with keynote speaker Hurley Haywood, required that you be a GPR member to attend and that consequentially drove the membership number up. I am very pleased to say that we have 149 members this year. Aided by the 20 new members, that is great news for the health

of our Club.

On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> we had dinner at Spezia welcoming 9 of our new members. It was a fun evening and the food was delicious. These are great events for the new members to meet people and help get established in our group. The new members included **Jerry Arnold, Steve Barney, Paul and Karman De Luca, Brian Feregrino** and guest **Sue, Gregor and Sue Henricks, Larry and Holly Johnson, Dereck Meyer** and guest **Kylie, Todd and Luann Rannals,**

and **Chris and Lori Walker.**

Denny Strauss brought along a collection of Howard Shoemaker prints for everyone to enjoy. A special thanks to **Steve Gehring** and **Steve Bartlett** for all of the work they put in to make it a great evening. Thank you to all of the current members who came out to welcome the new members. The PCA's motto is, "It's not just the cars, it's the people." That saying is very much alive and well in the Great Plains Region!



L to R: Cindy Chambers, Patti Adler, Linda Sena, and Pat Shanley enjoy catching up before dinner.



Outgoing GPR President Steve Gehring (middle) welcomes all to dinner, as incoming President Joe Chambers (standing, left) waits to make his remarks.



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**"It's not just the cars, it's the people."**

L to R: Chris Coda, Dereck Meyer, Kylie, Shawn Keeler, Brian Feregrino

# GPR November Board Meeting Minutes

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on November 6, 2018 at the officer of Cline Williams.

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

**Social:** Woodhouse Breakfast/Tech Session 10/6 – 30 attended and the club learned about brake rotors, pads and all things brakes; Ladies Paint and Sip 10/24 – 11 attended; Southern Loess Hills Fun Run 10/27 – 27 RSVPs. Thanks to Kim Burger for organizing! New Member Dinner at Spezia 11/3 – 40 attended with 19 being new members and guests. Spezia did a wonderful job and the food was excellent.

**Safety/CDI:** No new national safety updated to report. OctoberFest DE: Observer and event reports submitted to PCA National. No issues or incidents to report. Expanded passing implemented with Blue run group was well received with no issues reported. We will continue with expanded passing run group in 2019 so long as car counts continue to support it. Southern Loess Hills Fun Run Observer and event report submitted to PCA National. Inquired with National on insurance fee increases in 2019 and have not heard a response yet. Upcoming topics for 2019 will be DE helmet replacements.

**Registrar:** OctoberFest DE at RPM was a success with 31 entries. Some highlights from the DE included: 9 people signed up for the novice group. It was one of the largest novice groups ever. Hopefully it's a sign of some new enthusiasm into the **Der Skooner**

DE scene. 8 people participated in the Blue run group, which featured open passing. There were not enough participants for a full Green (immediate) run group, so Green was combined with Red (advanced). The combined Red group consisted of 14 drivers. We may have more drivers in Green next year with this year's novices moving to Green. The entry fee breakdown as follows: 17 paid full price, 11 used the Board or instructor discount, and 3 entries were comped. We will begin work on next year's DE schedule later this month or early December. Preliminary indications are 3 dates – 2 at RPM and the Club Race at MPH – but that's open for discussion. Your opinions are always welcome.

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

**President:** 53 Board Nomination votes received thus far.

**Past President/Associate Editor:** No formal report.

**Treasurer:** The opening account balance for October was \$81,885.96 and the closing balance was \$77,650.74. Receipts included DE of \$3,735.72, Social of \$440, Dues of \$30, and Interest Income of \$18.24. Expenses included Administration of \$37.50, Club Race track deposit for 2019 of \$5,000, DE track expense of \$3,130, Newsletter of \$220.50 and Social Ladies Paint and Sip of \$71.18. Information was provided on social costs through the New Member dinner and past years Winter Party costs.

**Editor:** Letters and emails going out to advertisers to renew for 2019. Received two new advertisers for 2019. There was a reminder of the November 15 deadline for the December Der

Skooner. The December issue will highlight, among other things, meet a member, New Member dinner, Fun Run recap, and Ladies Paint and Sip recap.

**Membership:** There are 149 paid GPR members for 2018. There are 265 National PCA Members in our region. There were no new combined National PCA Members and GPR Members added to our region, no new GPR Members added to our region, no new PCA Members added to our region and no transfers in or out of our region. There was no new PCA Test Drive member in our region. A push in December will be made to remind Club members to renew their membership for 2019.

**Webmaster:** Website is up to date. Email blasts on November P&P. Website will be updated after Thanksgiving with new Board Member information. New website is nearly complete.

**Other Business:** Club Race discussion. Scheduled for May 31 through June 2, 2019 at MPH. It was decided to participate in the Test and Tune and for the Club to run the T&T. A fee schedule was agreed to as well. The Winter Party was discussed and it was agreed that we would have a plated dinner. The Treasurer transition was discussed. For the Club's checking account, authorized signors will be Joe Chambers and Pete Jardine. The signature card will be updated in December.

The next meeting will be held in January 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pete Jardine  
Secretary

# GPR Classifieds

## For Sale:

**1992 968 Coupe, #49 into U.S.A.**

New: tires, Porsche cup wheels, battery, timing belt, cam chain, rollers, tensioners, power steering rack and pump, a/c, water pump, balance shaft belt, thermostat, vacuum lines, spark plugs, oil, brake flush, alignment, rear hatch seals, Billy Boat exhaust (have original), interior bits, one complete re-paint due to vandalism. Very nice example. 6-speed!

Mileage: 76,000

Exterior Color: Black

Interior Color: Cashmere/Black Trim

Price: \$25,968

Call Kurt at (402)203-2331,  
or email at [kurt.halvorson@outlook.com](mailto:kurt.halvorson@outlook.com)



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## For Rent:

I have some **rental space** available for winter car storage if anyone's "toy box is overflowing". The facility that I have is located in Fremont and secured with a gated keypad entry and the unit is locked via traditional key. Power is available for a battery tender and price is \$80/month including electricity. At this point I have room for 2 or 3 more cars inside the unit.

Please call or text me with questions at (402)680-5595.  
Mitch Schneringer

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## For Sale:

**2 ton Tire Rack jack and jack stands**

Used only once, and just taking up space in my garage!  
You can see it on Tire Rack's website.

I paid \$228 - asking \$120. Needs a new home!

Steve Gallagher, (402)301-9013

