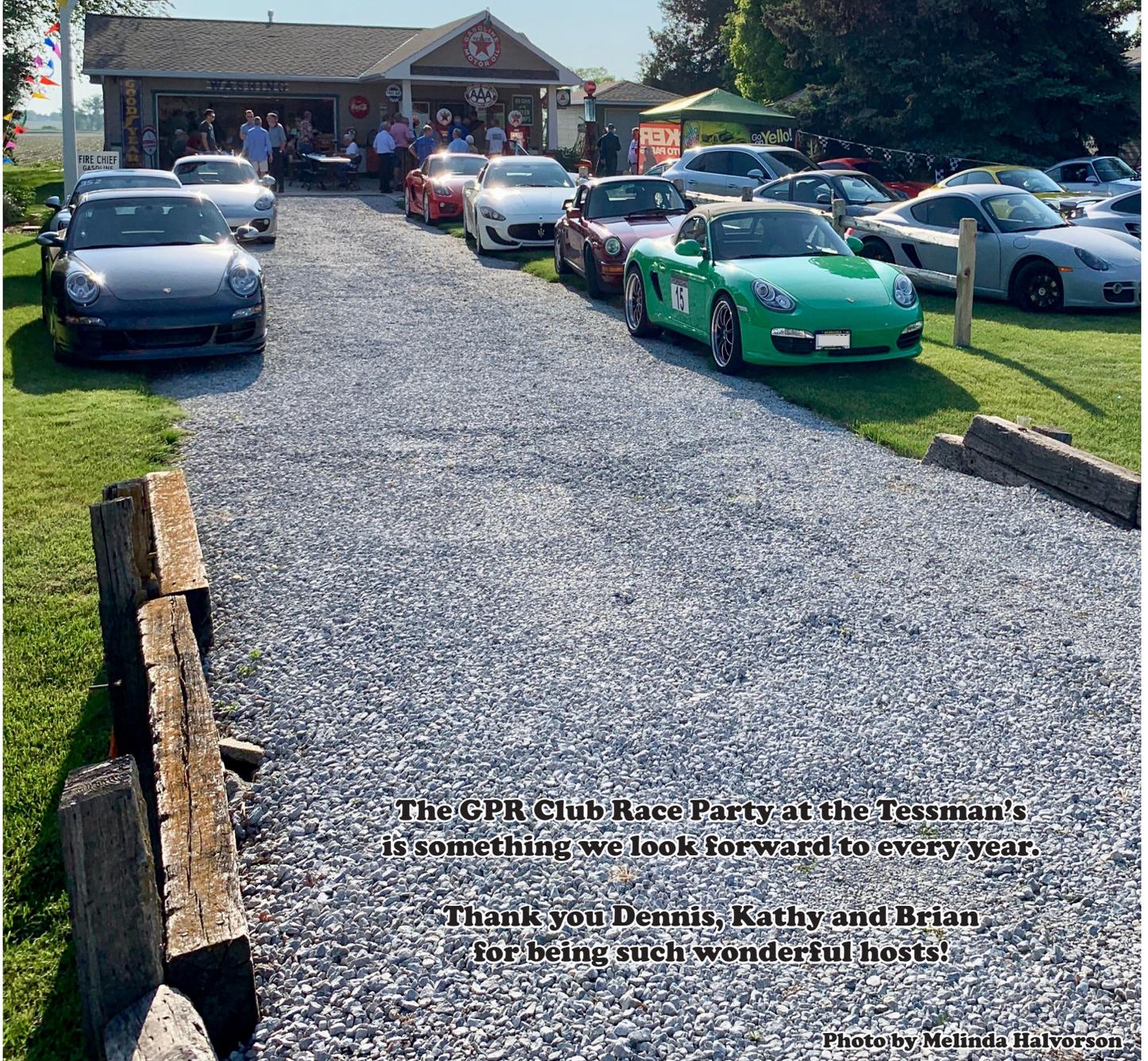




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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Joe Chambers

I much prefer the speed of summer to the never-ending slow pace of winter. I like being able to wash the cars on the driveway and work in the yard. Being able to sit out on the deck in a t-shirt and gym shorts in the evening while sampling new music and cruising the Internet is super enjoyable for me.

The 2019 Club Race is in the books. Overall, we were pleased with the event. Forty-one racers participated this year. We had drivers from Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota, Arizona, and Nebraska. The revenue was sufficient enough that I have every expectation that the GPR board will recommend and approve our participation in the 2020 Club Race series. The DE portion of the weekend was a bit of a disappointment with 13 drivers in the group. George Anderson and his crew had the track in excellent shape. The staff at MPH is very professional and always does an excellent job. PCA Race Steward Bob Jones' post race report to the PCA was very positive of our ability to run a first class race.

The highlight to the Club Race weekend is the Tessman Party on Saturday night. The photos in this issue of DS do not do justice to the fun had by those who attended. The weather was perfect for the 80 or so that were there. About 25 GPR members made the drive from Omaha to join us. I'm pretty confident that they would say it was time well spent. I would like to thank Kathy, Dennis and Brian Tessman for another wonderful evening at the Texaco Station.

Volunteers drive the true success of the Club Race. They give their time, pay their own expenses, and serve as ambassadors for our club. I can't tell you how many times a racer told me that our event is the friendliest, most fun, and drama free race they participate in. That's a testimony to the hard work of all of our volunteers.

Porsche of Omaha's "Sportscar Together" event on June 15 was a lot of fun. There were some incredible machines out there! The GPR definitely came out in support of the event. It was great to see so many members.

We have a pay-your-own-way dinner planned for July 20 at Charleston's at 75th and Dodge. For more information and to RSVP go to our webpage at gprpca.com. They have a private room that we have reserved.

August has a couple of things going on, an overnight fun run to Sioux City is scheduled for August 10 & 11. We will be staying at the Stoney Creek Inn. Then on August 17 we have rented a 32-seat theater at The Majestic at 144th and Maple. It will be a private screening of "The Art of Racing in the Rain." Space will be limited so be sure to RSVP early. After the movie we are going to Jack and Mary's for dinner.

Be sure to put September 21st on your calendar. Bob and Carol Lynch will host our club with an Oktoberfest-themed GPR paid social. There will also be a fun run the same day that will terminate at the Lynch's just in time for the party.

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Membership News

By Brandon Koom
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, annual picnic, 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.

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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David Farrell

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William Martin

By the Numbers

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263 PCA members in our Region

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This is always a very fun event. If you have not been to the Lynch's home before it is a special treat.

Our DE program remains in a holding pattern. Our next tentative date is October 19 at RPM. My honest opinion is that RPM will not reopen this year. We were a little perplexed at the DE turnout for our Club Race. The participation was low. Hastings is more challenging for the simple fact that it requires a night or two of hotel expense. We have the option to return to Hastings but based on the last turnout it is a risky proposition on the financial side. Track rental is not cheap and if the cars don't show up the club has to absorb the loss. To do it successfully we would need 30+ cars to come out. Frankly, I'm not confident that we can get that number. For that reason, I'm in the undesirable position of recom-

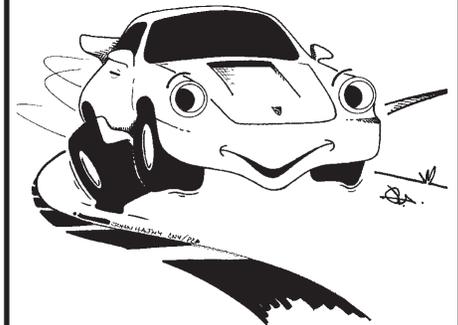
mending another option. For those of us who like to excessively consume tires and brake pads I would encourage you to consider Topeka on September 6-8. I have a feeling that several GPR members will make the trip so you will be among friends should you decide to go.

I trust many of you followed the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Once again the Porsche team made us all proud. They have been impressive with their consistency and reliability thus far in 2019. Mid-race I found myself thinking they could very well take all three-podium positions in the PRO class. About that time the #92 developed an exhaust problem and dropped back in the field. You have to give credit to Daniel Serra for driving the wheels off the Ferrari throughout the night to keep them ahead of the Porsches. Overall, it was a fantastic effort by Porsche.

- Joe

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

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| 9 th | GPR Ladies Only Dinner See Page 8 for more information. | Market Basket, Omaha | 6:00 pm |
| 13th | Porsches & Pancakes CANCELLED | Rockbrook Café, Omaha | 8:00 am |
| 13 th | West Omaha Cars & Coffee See Page 10 for details about this event. NO Porsches & Pancakes this month. | Bentley Omaha Dealership | 8:30 am |
| 20 th | Pay-Your-Way Social Dinner See Page 10. | Charleston's Restaurant, 7540 Dodge | 6:00 pm |
| 21 st -27 th | 2019 Porsche Parade | Boca Raton, FL | |

August

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| 10 th | Porsches & Pancakes | Rockbrook Café, Omaha | 8:00 am |
| 10 th /11 th | Fun Run and Overnight at Stoney Creek Inn, Sioux City, IA | | |
| 16 th | Werks Reunion Monterey | Corral de Tierra, CA | |
| 17 th | Movie & Dinner - "The Art of Racing in the Rain" (Tentative - watch for more information) | | |

September

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| 4 th -7 th | Treffen Vermont | Woodstock, VT | |
| 8 th | All-European Show & Shine* | Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha | Noon to 3 pm |
| 14 th | Porsches & Pancakes | Rockbrook Café, Omaha | 8:00 am |
| 21 st | Oktoberfest Fun Run & Party | Bob & Carol Lynch's home, Omaha | 6:00 pm |

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Oktoberfest

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Bob and Carol Lynch are graciously hosting a party provided by the GPR at their home to celebrate Oktoberfest. The food will be all-things Oktoberfest: brats, sauerkraut, hamburgers, German potato salad, etc., dessert, and beer. Put this date on your calendar and watch for more information to come!

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West Omaha Euros and Exotics Car Show - July 13th

By Chris Coda, Social Chair

There's no Porsches and Pancakes on **July 13th** ... instead, we'd like for you to come out and enjoy a morning at the West Omaha Euros & Exotics Car Show, which is held at the Bentley Omaha Dealership, 225 N. 170th Street, Omaha. As the name implies, this event is a gathering of mostly European automobiles and Exotics from around the area. It is held once per month and is well attended by Porsche owners - of which, many are GPR members, but not all. We thought that this event would be a great opportunity to promote our Great Plains Region Club and the PCA in general.

We will be serving bottled waters (for those who prefer something a bit more refreshing than coffee for the hot weather in July) and donuts, and we will also be passing out some copies of Der Skooner. Stop by and say hi! We encourage ALL members to come out and support the GPR and show off your beautiful cars! **The event starts at 8:30 am and goes till 11:00 am.**

-Complimentary Scooter's coffee is provided by the promoters of this show

-There is no entrance fee for attendees or spectators



Join Us at Charleston's for Another Pay-Your-Way Dinner

We had such a great time at our last pay-your-way dinner that we decided to do another one in July.

We'll meet at **Charleston's Restaurant, 76th & Dodge on Saturday, July 20th at 6:00 pm in the private room.** We will order from the regular menu with everyone paying their own check.

Please RSVP to Chris Coda at: christopher_coda@hotmail.com by **Wednesday, July 17th.**

Wear your GPR namebadge if you have one so we can get to know each other better. Don't have one? Email Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com to get yours ordered.





Please join us on **August 17th** for dinner and a movie. We're hoping to rent out a theater to watch **The Art of Racing in the Rain** at the Marcus Majestic Cinema of Omaha at 144th & Maple. We're hoping for a showtime of 3:30 or so, then after the movie we'll head to Jack & Mary's at 655 N. 114th Steet for dinner.

Road & Track says: The Art of Racing in the Rain, Garth Stein's 2008

book about a sports-car racer and his golden retriever, Enzo, has been adapted into a movie, and it's set to hit theaters on August 9th. The film stars Milo Ventimiglia as Denny Swift, the racer, and Amanda Seyfried as his wife, and Kevin Costner voices Enzo.

While the movie looks to be aimed at a general audience, there should be a lot for race fans. Actor-turned-racer Patrick Dempsey

is a producer, having acquired the rights for a film adaptation shortly after the book was released, and the people behind the movie partnered with IMSA to capture some real sports-car action. Jeff Zwart, one of the car world's great filmmakers, directed the racing sequences.

Be sure to put this on your calendar and watch for more details as the date gets closer.

Fun Run & Overnight

We have another event that we'd like for you to save the date and put on your calendars. We're planning a Fun Run to Loess Hills, then we'll drive on to Sioux City, IA for an overnight at the Stoney Creek Inn. The date for this fun event is August 10th and 11th. We have a block of 15 rooms being held at the rate of \$120/night.

Watch for more information as the details get worked out.



Meet a GPR Member

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

I'm originally from a small farming town near Fort Dodge, Iowa and had my share of hot-rod muscle cars. Those of course were the cars that would go 1,000 miles an hour in a straight line, but Heaven help you if you turned the steering wheel at speed. Of course the car had to be a Chevy, Ford or Chrysler because there just was no such thing as a foreign car. No place to take it for service. So it really wasn't until after Judy and I moved to Omaha in 1982 that I started to become somewhat familiar with non-American made cars.

I've always had an interest in sports cars, having enjoyed Can-Am and IMSA racing back to the late 70's and into the 80's. Making the trek up to Road America for the Camel GT series IMSA race was always a highly anticipated trip. Watching the prototype 962 Porsches (the #14 Lowenbrau car was always my favorite), the Jaguars of Bob Tullius, the BMWs,

the Ford Probes and all the other makes really helped me appreciate what special machines these all were.

I first joined the PCA and GPR in 1993 shortly after purchasing my first Porsche – a Guards Red 1991 944 S2. I'd been working on my wife to allow me to get a sports car, which she was always against. Her remark always was, "You can't have a sports car because every time you get into a fast car your brain turns to mush." Finally, one day she told me that if I wanted to get a Porsche I could get a 944 because the engine was in the front.

Over the next years we participated in many dinners, fun-runs and track events and whatever else the members could come up with to get the Porsche group together.

I've only owned three Porsches in my life. The 944S2, an Atlas Gray Metallic 997.1 and my current car, a 2014 Guards Red 991.1 GT3. The last number of years I haven't been active in the club, as Judy developed a lung disease and I spent a lot more time with her. Sadly, she passed away

in March 2018, after which I decided to become more active in PCA/GPR club events, renewing old friendships and meeting new friends.

Ever since college I have been involved in the investment business, working in bank Trust Departments and Investment firms. I'm currently a partner in the firm Lawson Kroeker Investment Management. At a time when I could have been contemplating some form of retirement, I decided to go into business with a wonderful long-term friend and open a new wine bar in southwest Omaha. We're looking at a September-October opening, so wish us luck.

My favorite GPR event back in the 90's was the trip to Heartland Park Topeka for the Drivers Education events. Many times we would get a group of 5 – 10 cars and head to the track in a convoy. Back in those days, the main straightaway doubled as the drag strip and whatever chemical the track sprayed on the drag strip sometimes made it very treacherous and slick for the road racers. And at the end of the straight, turn 1 kind of turned back on itself. So in between braking, steering, heel and toeing and trying to enter the turn properly, the whole process tended to be a mess. If you don't correctly enter turn 1, then turn 2 was going to be a disaster, and if you finally got your wits about you, maybe turn 3 would be O.K. If I got that sequence completed properly once during the weekend I felt I was doing pretty good. It seemed to be a trade off between technique and maximum fun, where you were more

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interested in how late you could brake and still make the turn, albeit badly. Obviously, the fun factor tended to override technique. I'm looking forward to many interesting and fun times on the track with the GT3.

As to a next Porsche, I've always wanted to have a Turbo/Turbo S to use as a GT car that I could make some longer road trips in. I think besides a Porsche, the only other car that I would love to own would be a McLaren – maybe a 570 /spider. The styling and the dihedral doors is a real wow-factor for me.



From the Grid

By Rick Mourey, Safety Chair

Well, for a change the track weather god shined on us at Hastings and provided one of the best weekends for racing and a DE that we've seen in a long time. We had 41 Racers and 13 Advanced DE drivers at our annual club race held at Motorsport Park Hastings. It was great to see that number of racers turn out, with the 944/968 class topping the class count at 16. This year we drew racers from Atlanta, Georgia (longest tow), Wisconsin, Colorado, Minnesota, Arizona, Kansas and Texas. Our traveling DE driver **John Artherton** was also in attendance in his 914. He's making the "Track Tour" this year living out of his motor home/garage, and yes, we're all a little jealous and we hope to see you at Brainerd, John. We also had the largest group of spectators anyone has seen in a long time at Hastings, so a special "shout out" to the GPR members and Hastings locals who came out to watch the action.

With the number of cars entered in the 944/968 group, racing sessions were split between the higher HP cars and the "Skilled Drivers Group" of 944s, 968s and older stock 911s.

Racing in both these groups was highly competitive with spectators by the main straight experiencing great starts and lead changes coming out of turn 13. Our three Cayman drivers, **Shawn Keeler**, **Mark Hoffman** and **David Safris** were in attendance again. Like Topeka, they battled near the top all weekend and in class David took 1st twice and Mark got him in the 3rd sprint race taking 1st in that session. They always draw a crowd in the paddock as well with their beautifully turned out cars.

Sally Knapp in her red 944 won "Best Prepared Car". For those of you like me, who have helped Sally

work on her car we are very happy for her. A little perplexed, but very happy!!!! (See picture in previous column. L to R: Bob Jones, PCA National Race Steward, Sally Knapp, Sandy Brusco)

On the DE side, **Kurt Halvorson** was finally able to get his new 2017 GTS out on the track. It was fun watching this screaming yellow rocket blast down the front straight. From Hastings, Kurt and a GPR crew were heading to Road America, so we'll want to hear about that track session. **Sandy Steckman** (aka "The Stig") was stunned when he realized he was turning faster lap times in his Signal Green Boxster than he did when he was racing his 911..... Must be the wisdom and skill that comes with age, Sandy!!!

Putting on the Club Race each year requires an enormous amount of work from members of the club and volunteers. There are many roles involved, including the thankless task of Registrar (Thanks **Terry**), and doing DE tech (Thanks, **Steve**). Track side though, I want

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*(From the Grid, continued from
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to give a big thank you to this year's Grid Crew, Scales management and timing.

The Grid Crew, **RJ Mourey, Bruce Van Kooten, David Adler, Theresa Mourey and Robin Elliott** make sure all the cars have race or DE tech stickers, get lined up properly in the right starting position, and with many thanks from a number of drivers, ensure doors are shut, hoods/hatches closed and window nets are up. There is nothing worse than being all strapped in, sitting on the grid with 2 minutes to go and you realize your back hatch is not closed or the passenger door is not latched..... Grid Crew to the rescue.

Thanks to **Wayne Wray** who ran the scales again this year for us. Running the scales is one of those jobs that can be a little lonely until the PCA Steward holds up the "Go to Scales" sign at the end of each race. With the Hastings scales being elevated, Wayne also makes sure everyone gets up onto and off the scales without incident – Thanks Wayne!

Roger Williams was in the timing trailer again this year for us, and we're thankful he's there to help handle this complicated role. Even with multiple classes, combined run groups and a split start this year the grid numbers were always ready and the timing sheets out to all the racers in the paddock! Also, Roger, work on making sure you don't have to chase me down for transponder issues next year...



The Grid Crew

Left to right
RJ Mourey, Bruce Van Kooten, David Adler, Theresa Mourey, Robin Elliott



Workers Choice Awards

Left to right
GPR President Joe Chambers presents Shawn Keeler and Mark Hoffman the highly coveted Workers Choice awards. Also pictured, PCA Zone 10 Rep Julie Bailey.

THROUGH NOVICE EYES...

'CARRERA GT Club Race at MPH' 2019

By Bob and Jane Kirchner, GPR/PCA members since 2015

Can you remember what you did the first weekend in June?

We had an unforgettable weekend at our 1st 'Carrera GT at MPH' held at Motorsport Park in Hastings, Nebraska (MPH)! GPR/PCA members had been urging for several years, "Bob, you ought to go. It's fun." Initially, our trip was a "bucket list checkmark" for celebrating Bob's "MILEStone" Birthday. This was the year! Without preconceived notions of what to expect, we made the scenic I-80 drive.

Did you know Hastings, Nebraska is the birthplace of Kool-Aid? Kool-Aid memorabilia is on display in the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History. The museum touted by Roadside America is "the largest city museum between Denver and Chicago." Armed with this tidbit as the potential high point of "watching cars drive in circles" we easily located MPH.

Immediately, we were happily surprised with the size, amenities, and ease of navigating MPH grounds. For fellow novices, basic MPH amenities most appreciated include indoor restrooms, shaded eating tables at the finish line turn, easy parking, and GPR lunch. Spectator bleachers allow perfect viewing of the finish line. There is a nearby covered canopy area for bringing chairs and picnics. Race weekend weather was spectacular without a rain cloud in sight. (Large windows inside the air-conditioned clubhouse offer perfect views for high tempera-

ture, high humidity days.) MPH has condos with attached garages for rent and lot maps are on display for future homes.

The heart of Porsche is racing and every car we drive comes from this DNA. We have attended monthly breakfasts, June picnics, and a few social dinners, but this was our first club racing event. Over a three-day period, "Carrera GT at MPH" brings together Advanced DE, GPR drivers, cars, and racing. In addition, to seeing first hand these experts at work, we enjoyed hearing their wonderful background stories. This event offers PCA members, both racing and non-racing, novice to advanced, opportunities not offered elsewhere. Drivers are allowed the room to learn, grow, and perfect their skills. Members are given the opportunity to talk, share, and get to know each other better.

Our BEST surprise was the kindness, generosity, welcoming hospitality, and patience answering questions of our GPR/PCA member friends. We had so many questions ranging from the track, to unfamiliar flag colors, racing gear, race progressions, driving technique, etc. Although the drivers are preoccupied with pre-racing preparations, they were most gracious post-race showing their cars and equipment. We saw at least 41 racers from Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota, and enjoyed hearing their unique racing stories. It was fascinating to see the range in trailer organization, equipment, decoration, and Bob appreciated **Sally**

Knapp and **Sandy Bruso's** cookie tray. (*Editor's Note: I must have missed those!*) Members generously donated to the GPR's "Angels Among Us-Supporting Families of Children with Cancer" fundraiser.

We thoroughly enjoyed our conversations learning with each interaction. Our conclusion is this event is a way to know club members in a very personal way, and in a way not possible at any other venue. Unless you were there, you might not know **David Adler's** skill properly grid-ding up drivers. You might not know the Grid Crew's teamwork checking for safety violations, attention to detail, and expertise. You might not know drivers sleep near their cars or ride bicycles, scooters, and golf carts navigating the grounds. Or that many drivers bring their families and dogs as pit crews. You might not know **Terry Lessmann** celebrated his 60th recently or heard **Mark Hoffman** and **David Sfris** discussing tire pressures post-race. You might have missed Sally and Sandy's detailed explanation for how their cooling shirts work and why. You might not know **Melinda Halvorson** spends much of her time up in the tower taking pictures for this newsletter and the website. You might not have seen **Armando Colorado** capturing racing action with his precision photography. You might not know **John Artherton** is travelling the country in his RV and racing his 914. You might not know **Joe Chambers** is great at shopping cool shirt sales or that **Lynchs'** have

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a new Doberman puppy. You might have missed Melinda delivering Bob birthday cake singing Happy Birthday. What else did you miss staying home?

Thank you, **Kurt Halvorson**, for sharing your expert instruction and car for Bob to drive in Parade Laps. **Steve Gehring**, thank you for driving Jane on undoubtably your fastest laps! Thank you to **Mark Hoffman, David Safris, Shawn Keeler, Sally Knapp, Crew Chief Sandy Bruso**, and all the drivers for such great racing! You bring joy and nerves of steel! A Big thank you to **Dennis and Kathy Tessman's family** providing their legendary GPR Club Race Party. Your warmth and generous hospitality touched

each of us Saturday evening. Sharing your incredible auto memorabilia collection brought back memories and gave us the picture perfect finish to a wonderful weekend. We appreciate PCA members for their knowledge and new friendships.

Through novice eyes, ears, and emotions, we now understand the passion of Porsche racers. 'Carrera GT and MPH' is without a doubt a celebration of the senses! The parade of cars gridding up pre-race is simply an explosion of color. Anticipation builds as cars rev engines and enter the track one by one. Hearts race as the green flag signals drivers it is time to roar in mass. Partial to fighter plane air shows, the exciting "blast" of the cars flooring it post turn can be felt trackside. The mix of fumes, screaming tires, colorful Porsche blurs, and thrill of the race

are not easy to forget. Smiles on faces remain long after the event ends. Memories drift back for drivers of racing years past.

What we do not understand is why these viewing stands are not packed with families, GPR/PCA members, and fans. Drivers remarked to us while "their eyes are on the road; they definitely are aware of cheering spectators."

Mark your calendars for 2020, pack your lunches, walking shoes, chairs for under the shade and come enjoy the THRILL of 'Carrera GT at MPH' and cheer for these Porsche drivers! This will be the easiest, stress-free weekend you will have anywhere. You MIGHT even see the Kool-Aid display.



Kurt Halvorson (left) allows Bob Kirchner (R) to take the wheel of his Racing Yellow GT3 for Parade Laps. Happy Birthday, Bob! You look great in yellow!

Photo by Melinda Halvorson

Jane Kirchner (Left) has a great time with Steve Gehring (R) at the wheel of his Cayman GT3 during Parade Laps. It's a great way to see the track in a spirited drive. Money collected before Parade Laps went to our GPR charity, Angels Among Us. (See next page for details.)

Photo by Melinda Halvorson



Club Race Volunteers - Thank You!

By Joe Chambers, GPR President

I had the honor of serving as the Club Race Chairman for our 2019 Carrera GT Club Race and Advance DE at MPH. I would like to thank the many volunteers that contributed their time, paid their own expenses, and performed flawlessly. The requirements of the PCA to host such an event demands that we provide these resources to serve the PCA National Team (Steward, Scrutineer, and Timing and Scoring.) Many of the people that you will see listed below have done this for many years running. They do it out of passion for the sport and their commitment to the club. They are true representatives of our club we owe them our gratitude for their service.

Co-Club Race Chairman

Kurt Halvorson

Registrar and Steward's Assistant

Terry Lessmann

GPR Safety Chairman

Rick Mourey

Timing and Scoring Assistant

Roger Williams

Grid

Theresa Mourey

David Adler

Bruce Van Kooten

Robin Elliott

RJ Mourey

Impound and Scales

Wayne Wray

Publicity

Melinda Halvorson

Webmaster

Eric Elliott

Medical Liaisons

Dr. Brian Elliott

Dr. Ben Fago

Angels Among Us

Parade Lap participants as well as DE'ers and Racers generously stuffed the helmet at the GPR Club Race at MPH to raise money for our 2019 charity, Angels Among Us.

The helmet was filled with \$274 on race weekend. A subsidy from the PCA of \$450 was added and a total of \$750 was given to Angels Among Us. GPR President, Joe Chambers, presented a check to Susie Nelson, Executive Director for the organization.



Parade Lap drivers generously stuffed the helmet for Angels Among Us.

Photos from GPR Carrera GT Club Race and Advanced DE May 31st - June 2nd Photos by Melinda Halvorson, Editor





GPR Club Race Party at the Tessman's





Happy 50th Birthday to Dave and Dee Hart's '69 912! Thanks for bringing the cake, Dave!

Macan Exhaust Rattles

Article and Photos provided by the KCR/PCA

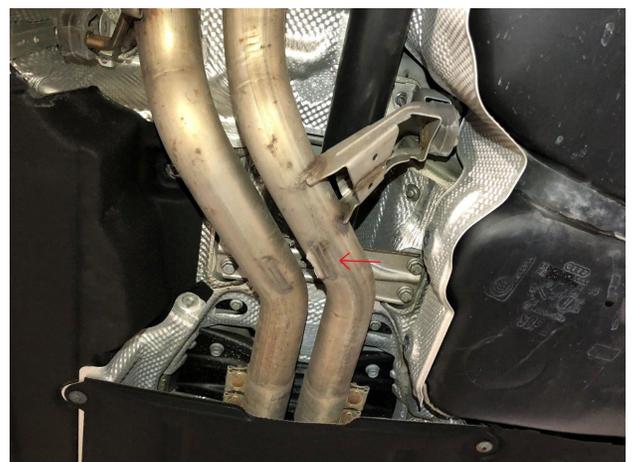
As we start to see more Macan models reach the 50k+ mile, we are starting to notice some common failure issues with the vehicles. Transmissions, transfer cases, water pumps, etc. are all presenting occasional issues, which is not unlike anything else we have seen in other models from Porsche. One of the more common complaints is an exhaust rattle. Some have experienced cracked downpipes on the engine, or internal muffler baffles breaking loose, as was common in the 996 model, but the more common complaint is a rattle under the rear seat, due to a broken "midpipe" exhaust bracket which joins the left and right exhaust pipes together. This vibration or noise can happen on cold start, while revving the engine in

park or neutral, or while in motion, so there are plenty of presentations. This was an issue very early on with the Macans and continues to rear its head as these vehicles get older. Luckily, it is a relatively easy and cheap fix. You can, of course, replace the entire rear exhaust section with new OEM or even an aftermarket system if you want a little more vrooom (\$\$\$), or you can have a repair shop weld in a couple of repair brackets for you.

This 2015 Macan came in for general service and exhaust complaint and was the perfect patient for this repair.

Below, you can see not only is the midpipe bracket cracked, but it has fallen/torn off completely. This is looking up from the bottom of the car. There should be a bracket joining the two pipes, and you can see where it was welded in place before. We might say it was ripped off by

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something sort of road debris or something; typically they just crack.

And in the top picture to the right, we are looking at the top section of the same pipe, where the upper bracket was welded in place. Here you can see the bracket appears to be more torn. There is nothing on top of this pipe that could have torn the metal though, it simply fatigued and failed, most likely due to heat and vibrations.



So the repair is simple; weld in some replacement brackets. With the exhaust still connected, it is easy to repair the bottom bracket; this will keep your exhaust pipes lined up correctly when it is still connected to the rest of the exhaust. Once that is welded in place, you can hang the rear section of the exhaust down by removing the forward slip on exhaust clamps with a 13mm wrench, and lowering the front mounting hangers down with a 13mm as well. Then hang and support the exhaust to get to the top side. This provides more than enough room to weld in a replacement plate.



In the middle picture to the right you can see the topside repair which is repeated on the bottom side. Apply some high temp paint to seal up any bare metal, then reinstall everything, and you are on your way!

Vrooom!



GPR May 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 06-04-2019

Time: 6:00pm – By Phone

In Attendance:

Joe Chambers, Chris Coda, Moe Shanley, Steve Gehring, Melinda Halvorson, Brandon Koom, Terry Lessmann, David Adler

President (Joe Chambers):

GPR Race Charity \$274, \$450 PCA charity subsidy \$724; Board approved \$750 to Angels Among Us.

Secretary (David Adler):

May minutes were approved and published. Will simplify the output... request board member reports in MS Word.

Social (Chris Coda):

Tessman Party: Approximately 80 in attendance including race participants, volunteers, and 25 GPR members who traveled out for the social event

Picnic: Scheduled for June 30th 11a-2p; Table rental – confirmed - Rental City, Joe handling raffle giveaways, food confirmed with Tired Texan. Total Cost: \$866.85. Coolers to be provided by Steve Gehring, bottled water, pot-luck desserts.

West Omaha Euros and Exotics: Cars and Coffee – July 13th, 8am – 10am; Need to confirm with organizer, but would like to set up a table with waters and donuts for spectators/participants to promote the club and increase membership, PCA funding available. Tentatively approved by the board as zero net cost event funded by the PCA sponsorship funding.

Pay-your-way dinner: July 20th – 6 pm; Jam's Legacy or Pitch West.

Pay-your-way dinner and a movie: The Art of Racing in the Rain – August 17th; Plan to rent out one theater (approx. 32 seats) – approx. movie time of 3:30 with dinner to follow -- Working to confirm theater reservation; Dinner: Jack & Mary's (655 N. 114th St.) at 5:30/6pm; Three entrée choices for dinner, need a minimum of 20 people to avoid room rental fee.

Fun Run to Loess Hills/Sioux City: August 10/11, Stoney Creek Inn, Updates from Steve Gehring.

Registrar (Terry Lessmann):

The Club Race and Advanced DE was held on May 31 – June 2. We had 41 Club Racers and 13 DE participants. The DE Observer's Report has been submitted. The fund release emails for both the Club Race and DE have been sent. Funds should be in our acct in a few days.

Membership (Brandon Koom):

Through May 2019- 140 GPR Members paid; 263 PCA members in GPR region.

Treasurer (Moe Shanley):

May Treasurers Report

CASH BALANCES:

May's beginning cash balance was \$77,248 and ended the month at \$64,323 a decrease of \$12,925. The decrease is a result in deposits for the Club Race at MPH.

CLUB DEPOSITS:

Club deposits total a net balance of \$23,850 comprised of the following:

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| MPH Track Fees and Expenses | \$21,060 |
| PCA Club Race and DE insurance | \$2,300 |
| Race Day Lunch | \$1,305 |
| Adm Expense | \$1,220 |
| Less: Race Day Registration Fees | (\$2,035) |
| Net balance | \$23,850 |

Club Race registration fees \$21,754 have not been deposited in our bank yet.

INCOME AND EXPENSES:

Fill the Helmet: Participants at MPH Club Race and Parade Laps contributed \$274 to Fill the Helmet for our adopted charity Angels Among US.

PCA National:

We received \$1,224 reimbursement for 2nd quarter dues reimbursement.

Club Dues:

Fourteen members paid \$420 dues, 2 paid 3 year dues.

PCA National Charity Reibursement:

The Fill the Helmet fund raiser at MPH enabled us to receive \$450 as a result of our charity efforts.

CLUB SOCIALS

Storm Chasers: Revenue: \$920, Exp.: \$1,172, Club Contribution: (\$252)

Museum of Speed: Revenue: \$760, Exp.: \$1,155, Club Contribution: (\$395)

Pasta Amore: Revenue: \$843, Exp.: \$830, Club Contribution: \$13

Administrative Expense: \$184 flowers for Karen Cooper

Editor (Melinda Halvorson):

Will feature Club Race in July issue. There is great activity on our Facebook™ group page. Club Directory is appreciated by those who participated.

Web Master (Eric Elliott):

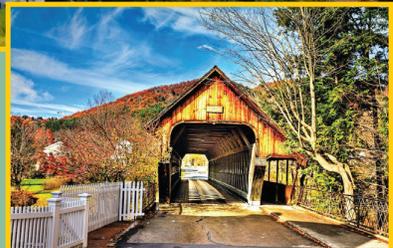
The website is currently up to date with events; photos Melinda has provided from past events will be on the website soon. An email will be sent about this week's Porsche & Pancakes, and to remind people about GPR Picnic RSVPs.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Adler
GPRPCA Secretary

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Come with friends, and make new ones, and explore the beauty of Vermont, enjoy the welcoming Main Street, and the abundant adventure awaiting in the surrounding Green Mountains.



Dates: September 4 – 7, 2019
Venue: Woodstock Inn & Resort
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Website: treffen.pca.org

