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# From the President

## By Joe Chambers

Happy New Year! The GPR is gearing up for another fun year. Some of our events in 2020 will be familiar to you, but we are also looking for new and exciting events for our members. We hope that you will join us. If you have any ideas for an event, we would love to hear from you.

Up first is our annual Winter Party on January 18th, 2020 at Champions Run. Social hour will start at 6p.m., followed by dinner at 7p.m. Dinner is compliments of the club with a cash bar available. You can find more information about the party on our [website](#). We do require you to be a current club member to attend. If you are unsure of your membership status you can send our Membership Chair (Brandon Koom - [bkoom@cox.net](mailto:bkoom@cox.net)) an email. You can renew your membership [online](#).

Last month I reported that we were finalizing our Club Race contracts. Those are done and we look forward to another great club race. The race will be held on May 29, 30, and 31<sup>st</sup>. We are planning on making the Club Race DE available to novices as well as experienced drivers. If you had hoped to participate in a novice class in 2019 we hope that you will pencil in these dates and join us in Hastings. More information will be available this Spring.

I was encouraged when I saw the news that the Missouri River water levels had dropped below flood stage and the Corps of Engineers were working on closing the levee breaches that had contributed to the flooding of RPM. Hopefully, RPM will dry out and be suitable for driving this spring. It's still too early to tell what condition RPM will be in come driving season. Our DE team has been exploring options for the DE program in the event we cannot run at RPM. Our goal is to hold 3 DEs in 2020. The challenge will be our ability to control cost and keep the events affordable for our members. Alternate facilities are out there however require additional costs and travel. In order for us to continue to provide track events we rely on our members' participation and support.

A new year means a new season for IMSA racing. It will be fun to watch the much-anticipated debut of the Corvette C8.R take on the newest version of the Porsche 911 RSR. The Daytona 24 will be held on January 25 & 26. It's anybody's guess what the outcome will be. It should prove to be entertaining to watch.

Many of you know that I love to attend live racing events. Kurt Halvorson and I are headed down to Austin for the World Endurance Championship (WEC) at COTA on February 23. Our last visit to a WEC race was in September 2014 at COTA. That was the first year that the Porsche 919 Hybrid LMP1 competed. I can still remember the excitement of seeing that machine come around the corner for the first time. Of course, they won the race. Although Porsche does not field an LMP1 entry anymore, they do run the LMGTE Pro and LMGTE AM classes in the current WEC line-up.

We were notified on December 19 that Stan Thorne has been appointed as our new Zone 10 Representative for 2020 and 2021. Stan is a Past-President and Newsletter Editor for the Kansas City Region. Join me in congratulating Stan on his 2-year assignment as our Zone 10 Rep. We look forward to working with Stan this coming year. Stan is replacing Julie Bailey. I would like to thank Julie for her leadership the last several years. She has been a great asset to our Zone and the PCA.

Cheers to a great year!

~Joe

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# Porsches & Pancakes (December)



## Photos by Mark Eichten

Another great turn out for breakfast, on a wintry Saturday December morning.

Always great to see everyone and their cars on the road. Thank you for showing up and hope to see you all on January 11<sup>h</sup>, at the Garden Cafe in Rockbrook Village, 11040 Oak Street, for our next Porches and Pancakes.

## Board of Directors Meeting

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## January

### Porsche & Pancakes (January)

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### Annual Winter Party

**18** @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Champions Run, Omaha

RSVP on our gprpca.com site or [here](#).

# National and Zone Calendar

## January

### Rolex 24 at Daytona PCA Car Corral and Hospitality Tent

1/24 - 1/26

Check out National and Zone 10 Calendars for more events



[National Calendar](#)



[Zone 10 Calendar](#)

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Bob Kirchner **5 years!**

Paul Burke **5 years!**

## News

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## A note from the editor

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to 2020! In the new year, I want to thank you for your patience as I transitioned as editor. As editor, I would encourage you to share your News and articles or ideas. One of the features in the monthly member is Meet a Member. Please consider being featured this year.

Due to the flooding of the RPM track, I am going to include the race schedule for national PCA and IMSA on the back cover. This will allow for watching the races and or making a trip. Thank you for your contributions to making the Great Plains Porsche Club an excellent community of car enthusiasts.

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# Meet a Member - Jerry Arnold

Article and Photos by Jerry Arnold

## When did you join the PCA?

October 2018

## Where are you from?

I am originally from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and moved to Omaha when I was a sophomore in high school. I have been here ever since.

## What Porsche(s) have you owned and what do you currently own?

The first one, I purchased about 10 years ago, was a 2001 Black Carrera Convertible, 6 speed. The next one was purchased in 2013, when I was looking at the Saturday paper and noticed the dealership had several convertibles in stock. Once at the dealership, the sales team said they had a unique car, it was a 2009 911 Carrera S with a PDK, basalt black exterior and a custom red interior with macassar wood, with very low mileage. So I decided it was time to try a coupe.

After a few years while in for an oil change, I noticed a remarkable convertible on the showroom floor, it was a 2016 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet with only 1200 miles on the clock. Formerly Beti Pittcock's car, it was an all optioned cab with linen grey metallic exterior paint and espresso leather interior with aftermarket wheels. This is my current Porsche along with a Macan.

## Previous Vehicles

I had previously owned 2 55' Desotos, the first had an early hemi engine, I purchased the car for \$50. When it was time to sell it, the new owner built a winning stock car with the engine. The second 55' Desoto was sold to some friends and driven on a road trip across the country to California, Mexico, and supposed to make it home to Nebraska. On the way back in an attempt to save money, diesel gasoline was used and that was the end of that road trip! They had to sell the tire jack and spare tires to buy bus tickets to get back to Omaha.

## What makes your car(s) special?

The 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet, one off paint, custom wheels, loaded with options, the brake calipers and intakes matched to exterior paint color, ceramic brakes, clear marker lenses and contrasting interior color.

The Macan has a black exterior with a red and black interior, has 2 sets of wheels, one for summer and one for winter tires.

## Next Porsche or current project?

Would love to have a 911 Carrera Turbo S, for the engine and turbo, however really enjoy the current convertible. Would like to drive a Taycan!

## Favorite memory with your Porsche...

When I had my basalt black 911 Carrera S, down at the Lauritzen Gardens All European Show and Shine Car Show a dad and his ten year old daughter stopped by to chat. The daughter said, "you have the best car here!" I said thanks. About an hour later they came back and the daughter reiterated, "you still have the best car, and I want it"! I love seeing the younger generations enthusiasm and appreciation of the Porsche.

## What got you interested in Porsches?

I have always liked the designs, race heritage, performance, and reliability of the Porsche brand. It has been a bucket list item since I first saw them in 1966 at the Rosen Novak dealership. The design philosophy was smaller, faster, and better looking than anything out there, and I fell in love with it.

## Favorite Road Trips in a Porsche...

I really enjoy the fun runs in Iowa and Nebraska with the club. As a cyclist, I have taken my bike along the same routes as the fun runs and no doubt, the car has much more power. Yet, on one of my first cycle rides in Colorado, I did successfully pass a Porsche 356 while on my bike and ended up beating the Porsche up through the pass. (albeit the Porsche 356 sounded a bit out of tune) Finally, I would like to visit the Porsche driving experience in Atlanta, Georgia.



# A European Car Vacation

Article and Photos by Rich McGowan

After nearly a decade of discussing going to the Porsche museum and having a European car vacation, my dad, **Bob McGowan**, who's a past GPR president and longtime GPR/PCA member, brother Bill McGowan, and I bought our tickets to fly into Munich and see the BMW, Porsche, Mercedes and Ferrari museums and go to the Nürburgring.

Jet-lagged, we checked into our Munich hotel, unpacked and headed to the BMW museum, which is located near two

## Porsche 917 KH Coupe



iconic structures: BMW's headquarters, which resembles four cylinders, and the Munich Olympic Stadium, which has Alpine-inspired sweeping transparent canopies.

BMW's museum had pristine early models from the 1930s through the 1960s, many new and vintage motorcycles, race cars throughout its history, and a large exhibit on transportation's future, which included many prototypes.

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## Bob and Rich McGowan at nurburgring



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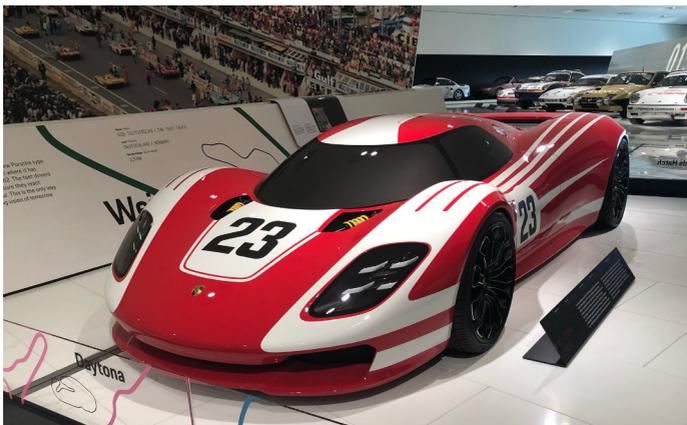
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The next day we arrived in Stuttgart. Though my dad tried to get a factory tour three weeks before we arrived, Porsche had no openings, so we only saw the museum and flagship dealership across the street. Excited, we drove into the museum's subterranean garage where approximately 75% of the parked cars were Porsches – mostly late models and many fine examples of Caymans and 911s. An elevator took us up into the museum where the first Porsches we saw were those being serviced.

### 917 Living Legend



Porsche's museum had nearly every significant Porsche imaginable, including an original body of a Type 64, whose design DNA has been implemented throughout Porsche's history – especially in the 356 and 911 iterations – to a 718 Spyder, 904 Carrera GTS, vintage racers with many fine examples from the Martini and Rothman days, the first 911 turbo, which was a 70th birthday gift to Ferdinand Porsche's daughter, Louise Piëch, the trinity of production supercars (the 959, Carrera GT, and 918 Spyder), various prototypes, and even a one-off 996 from the Cars movie franchise. Packed under one roof, one can see the evolution and consistency of Porsche's design language and its commitment to innovation, quality and performance.

We had lunch at Porsche's Boxenstopp restaurant while groups of Porsche enthusiasts from around the world ate and enthusiastically discussed what they had just seen. Outside the museum is a plaza where three 911s (a 1970 F-series, a 1981 G-series and a current iteration) sat atop 78-foot spires. Across the street is the flagship



### 959 Coupe

dealership, whose pre-owned inventory included a Carrera GT and a 918 Spyder, and which like Porsche's museum, had an impressive gift shop.

While in Stuttgart, we also visited the Mercedes museum, which was well worth the time, especially due to Ferdinand Porsche's history with the marque. While BMW's museum had extensively covered the future of transportation and its role in it, Mercedes' museum focused on the evolution of transportation from horses, carriages, bicycles, steam engines to modern-day vehicles and instilled that Mercedes embodies transportation, including its buses, trucks, private vehicles and race cars.

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### 1974 Turbo NR.1 first spoiler type



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Next we were off to Nürburgring, which is more than just a racetrack; it's Disneyland for car enthusiasts. We stayed at a hotel on the track whose lobby was decorated with a GT3 race car, oil drums made into chairs and tables and an extensive racing memorabilia collection. The hotel room's windows could be opened to let in the ambient sound of race cars revving their engines.

The Nürburgring's Nordschleife track is open to the public, where for only €25 per lap, one can drive their own car without a helmet. Consider renting a GT3 or Cayman at the track to maximize your enjoyment and perhaps avoid getting passed with little to no effort by the many supercars quickly driving around the track.

Finally, we were off to Italy to see the Ferrari museum in Maranello. Its collection focused on vintage to present racers and Ferrari's supercars – beginning with the F40 and including a LaFerrari and Enzo in the same room – and ending with a one-off built for a Hong Kong customer. We skipped the Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena, which contains many vintage production cars.

My advice to any GPR/PCA member considering a similar trip: do it. Admire these pristine and sometimes one-of-a-kind

vehicles with people from all over the world. Deepen your understanding of Porsche. And book your factory tour as soon as you know when you'll be in Stuttgart.

You can find the full set of pictures on our [website](#).

### Bob at the Porsche Museum



### Bill, Bob and Rich at Ferrari



# GPR Classified Ads

## 1999 Boxster for sale - \$8,500

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## Winter Tires

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# My First Porsche

Article and Photos by Antonio Esquivel

I've always loved cars. Especially sports cars. And one of my favorites was always Porsche. The first time I saw a Porsche turbo was when I was around 12 back in 2003. It was right at the Woodhouse dealership here in Omaha. My dad took me and we looked at a couple cars during the evening. Then that's when I saw it. The 911 turbo. I remember looking at it just thinking "woah". It was so cool. The wide back end, the side intakes, the interior. I loved everything about it. I was in love!



Fast forward 16 years to around May 2019 and you find myself doing something that I constantly do. Browsing online car sites and looking at sports cars that I never had the intent of buying. As I was browsing on autotrader, I stumbled on a 2001 911 turbo with 70k miles. Just like the one I saw back when I was a kid. So I clicked on the listing. The color was artic silver with a black interior and wood trim. The car was also equipped with a manual transmission and been modified to about 550 HP. And the thing that really got me? It was right here in Omaha.

I went ahead and sent a message to the seller that night stating that I was interested. He responds the next day and sends me a PDF file on the car with everything that he has done to it so far. I was really impressed. Everything was well documented and he was very transparent. So now I'm actually considering buying this turbo. I'm at home and joke to my wife "what if I buy a Porsche?" She says jokingly

that I don't need one. True, I don't NEED one. But she is not completely against the idea. So, I told her that I am going to make an aggressive offer where I probably won't get the car, and the deal will end at that.

I sent an offer to the seller around 7pm by email. I get a reply quickly saying "no thank you". Well, I guess I was expecting that. I had some hope that I would somehow get a yes. My excitement died down and I tried to forget about it. Two hours later go by and I get a notification on my phone from the seller. He wrote to me "Antonio, I talked to my wife and since you are local and the transaction will be easier/safer for both of us, I'll concede and accept your offer" WOW! I guess I'm buying a Porsche! We agree on meeting a couple days later so I can see the car in person. My wife Avery and I met the seller at a Hyvee parking lot. I still had my doubts about the purchase up until I saw it in person. All of that went away once I saw it. It was beautiful. The roof line, the color, the "industrial" sound of the engine. I knew then that this was it. I took it for a quick test drive but got some looks because it had been a while since I had driven a manual. Picture a very jerky 911 that kept revving way too high in a Hyvee parking lot.



We agreed on date to finalize the transaction a few days later and it was finally all mine. Overall the whole process was very simple. Since the purchase I joined the Great Plains Porsche Club and it's been owning a Porsche that much more enjoyable!



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# Porsche Parade 2020 Heads to Palm Springs

Save the date! Porsche Parade 2020: Palm Springs will take place June 21 to 27 at the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, California just outside of Palm Springs.

Porsche Parade, PCA's annual weeklong event, takes place in a new location each year. For 2020, we're heading to the Sonoran Desert of southern California known for its hot springs, stylish hotels, golf courses and spas. It's also noted for its many fine examples of midcentury-modern architecture. In addition to traditional Parade activities such as concours, autocross, time-speed-distance and gimmick rallies, the surrounding Coachella Valley offers hiking, biking and horseback riding trails.

Registration coming soon!



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	<b>JUN 25 TO JUN 28 - SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN</b> Watkins Glen, NY
	<b>JUL 31 TO AUG 02 - ROAD AMERICA</b> Elkhart Lake, WI
	<b>AUG 21 TO AUG 23 - MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR</b> Alton, VA
	<b>SEP 11 TO SEP 13 - WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA</b> Monterey, CA
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Dates	Event	Status	Enduro	Club Sport	944 Cup (*)	West Coast	Vintage	Triple Trofeo
Jan 31 - Feb 02	Sebring International Raceway	Open	✓		E			
Feb 28 - Mar 01	Circuit of the Americas	Opens 01/13	✓	✓	W			
Mar 20 - Mar 22	NOLA Motorsports Park	Opens 02/03			E/W			
Mar 28 - Mar 29	Buttonwillow Raceway Park	Opens 02/10			W	✓		

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