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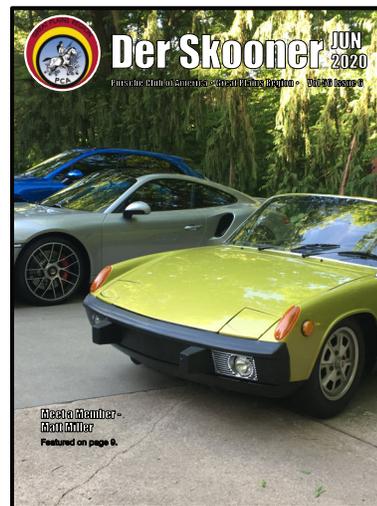
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From the President

By Joe Chambers

Quoting from the Grateful Dead song, Truckin', "What a long, strange trip it's been!" How appropriate that line is for our current times. None of us saw a protracted quarantine coming. Like you, I have been wondering how will it all play out? I can only hang on to the confidence that this too shall pass. It's unsettling not knowing when we will get the all-clear signal. When will we be able to go to a restaurant, mall, or Porsche Club without a touch of fear for our health? With that in mind, the club will continue to plan events in anticipation of one day being able to gather again. I trust that all of you will be patient with us as we go down this road of scheduling and cancelling until we can finally hit on an event where we can meet.

So, what will our next event be? I doubt that we will be able to meet for Porsches and Pancakes on June 13th. After that is the DE at RPM on June 27-28. We are very hopeful that we will be able to get that one in. With last year's flooding and this year's pandemic, our DE program has taken a significant hit. A good, solid DE program is dependent on participation. DE programs take years to establish a core group that financially and passionately support the events. Given our situation the last couple of years, I am concerned that we have lost our base of drivers. We need everyone that is able to come out and support the RPM event. You are key to helping us begin the restoration of our DE program to a level that is financially viable for our club. I would like to challenge all of the "Old Hot Shoes" to come out and spin some laps for old time sake. How awesome would it be to have those that paved the way for our club to come out and meet the next generation that is going to carry the sport into the future? You all remember the fun you had back in the day. What a great way to break out of the confines of this pandemic than to light that fire again?

The annual summer picnic has been rescheduled for July 19 at Walnut Grove Park. We are hopeful the governor's restriction on groups of 10 or less will have lifted by then. It's anybody's guess where our ability to move about freely will be in July. It very well may be late June before we have an idea if we can make it happen or not.

I would like to thank a dedicated group of people that put in a lot of time and effort into our cancelled Club Race - Kurt Halvorson, Rick Mourey, Terry Lessmann, and Steve Gehring. The challenges that Covid-19 presented required many emails and conversations up to the point when it was clear that cancelling was necessary to protect the health and safety of all who would have participated in the event. I also thank Eric Elliott and Mark Eichten for being on point correcting and updating the calendars on our webpage and Der Skooner.

Be well,

~Joe

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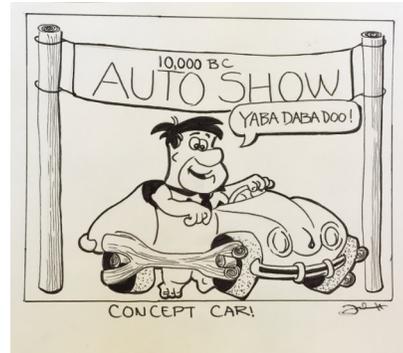
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13 Porsches & Pancakes (June)
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27 "Spring" Fling DE at RPM
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July

11 Porsches & Pancakes (July)
8:00 am - 10:00 am

19 Summer Picnic
12:00 pm

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News

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259 PCA members in GPR region

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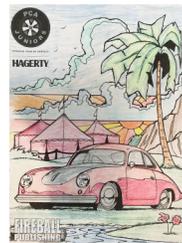
A note from the editor

As editor, I would encourage you to share Your news, articles, ideas and photos. One of the features in the monthly newsletter is **Meet a Member**. Please consider being featured this year!

For a little fun this quarter the board will choose their favorite article and award a \$100 gift card to <https://sierramadrecollection.com/>. I'm looking forward to some great submissions and reading this year!

Article Upload [link](#). Photo Upload [link](#).

While social distancing I checked out the links in the latest enews letter. One of them was a link to Junior activities and some awesome custom coloring sheets which can be found here: <https://www.pca.org/pca-juniors-activities>



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 - Matt Miller

Article and Photos by Matt Miller

When did you join the PCA?

Most recently in 2018. To know Kurt Halvorson is to love him, but he is relentless. Teasing aside, I'm grateful to be a PCA member as I have met many wonderful people through the club.

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

My first Porsche was a 1996 993 Targa. We currently own a 1974 Porsche 914, a 2017 991.2 911 Turbo, and a 2018 Macan GTS.

Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Omaha. I've been friends with long-time PCA member Kurt Halvorson since we were in first grade together at Oakdale Elementary school. I've spent the last thirty years as a trial lawyer fighting with insurance companies when their insureds seriously injure or kill someone. My daughters are in San Francisco and Houston, but Omaha will always be home to me.

What makes your car(s) special?

Every good (read as German) car has its own character and personality. I currently drive a 2006 E46 M3, a 1974 914, and a 2017 991.2 911 Turbo. On occasion, I also get to drive my wife's Macan GTS. Cars are like children, in

that each one has its own idiosyncrasies and charms. The 914, with a five speed, dogleg transmission and an engine that generates around 100 hp on a good day, is about as analog as you can get. Think go-kart. The M3 is set up with coil overs and some other mods that make it about as balanced and linear an experience you could have with a six speed, (Continued on Page 10)



Above: Matt Miller

Below: 2017 991.2 Turbo



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rear wheel drive manual transmission. I'm fairly new to the 991.2 Turbo. So far my impression is that if the car could actually speak to me it would say: Yes, you should be in awe, and, no, you will never come close to pushing my limits. As insanely sophisticated as the 991.2 is, I find its seemingly endless capabilities quite intimidating.

Next Porsche or current project?

Becoming more familiar with the 991.2 Turbo. Incrementally.

Favorite memory with your Porsche(s)?

Several years ago I flew down to St. Louis on an early morning Saturday flight to look at a Silver 1974 914. It was advertised as being rust free but in need of some mechanical work. I had suggested that I would fly down, and if I liked the car, I would drive it back to Omaha. The owner discouraged that idea, blaming the old tires. The owner picked me up at the airport and we went to his place to see the car. Inspection revealed that it was rust free and that it was originally Delphi Green Metallic. As I was looking the car over the owner was talking about the fact that the car needed transmission work. When I told him I wanted to drive it, the owner seemed hesitant. As we drove out of his neighborhood I discovered that I had to double-clutch just about every shift. The seller seemed pretty down, thinking

he just lost the sale. When I told him I wanted the car he seemed surprised. What set the hook in me was how challenging it was to double-clutch just about every gear. When my plane landed in Omaha around 11:30 that same morning my mother called and asked what I had been up to, I told her I was just getting back from St.Louis. "Oh, how long were you down there?", "About four hours." What were you doing in St. Louis for 4 hours?", "Looking at a car." Her response: You are your father's son.

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Above: 991.2 Turbo

Below: Yellow 993 Targa



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What got you interested in Porsches?

I was in 7th grade. I was hanging out at a bookstore in Countryside Village trying to flirt with a cute girl that was in my class when she said "My dad's here! I have to go" as she ran out to the Speed Yellow 911 that had pulled up in front of the store. My memory of the girl is really vague, but the image of that yellow 911 remains seared into my heart.

Any other dream cars you would own?

My sixteen year-old self can't believe how lucky I already am. Neither can I. Having said that, the Singer Porsches are breathtaking....

Favorite road trip, track or race?

My wife and I flew out to Denver last November to pick up the 911 Turbo, from the original owner in Boulder, in order to drive it back home. After lunch in Greeley my wife took the wheel. After ten minutes on I-80 she asked me, for the first time, "How much did you pay for this?" I told her (it was an inexcusable amount). In less time than you can bat an eye, she responded: "Worth. Every. Penny."



Above: Turbo and Macan GTS

Below: 1974 914



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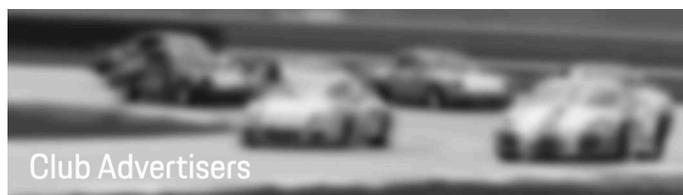
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Board of Directors Meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of the GPR Board Meeting May 5, 2020

The Great Plains PCA Board met at 6:00 pm on May 5, 2020 by teleconference.

Present were Joe Chambers, Steve Gehring, Rick Mourey, Terry Lessmann, Brandon Koom, Armando Colorado, Mark Eichten, Eric Elliott, Kurt Halvorson. Moe Shanley was a regret.

PRESIDENT: The President led discussion on the annual PCA Club Race scheduled for May 29-31 at Motorsport Park Hastings. The Registrar reported 23 racers were currently registered and no DE participants. The Safety Chair indicated 6 individuals he had spoken to (who had attended regularly in the past) would not come this year due to the pandemic. It was reported we need ~40 racers and ~10-15 DE participants to break even. The Club Race Committee also reached out to the Governor's office for guidance on whether it would be even be an allowable event given the heightened number of COVID-19 cases around the Hastings/Grand Island area. The board agreed to defer the decision until no later than May 11th, to give the Governor's office potential time to respond, and the GPR time to see any change in the number of registrations.

SECRETARY: The April minutes were approved as distributed.

SAFETY: Insurance for the Club Race and DE is on hold until a decision is made regarding the Club Race by the committee or by PCA. National is looking to model a DE Instructor Lead/Follow novice training opportunity at our planned Club Race weekend. Follow up to come. Grid number cards have been purchased for use at the annual Club Race and future DE events.

REGISTRAR: The Spring Fling DE at RPM has been rescheduled to June 27-28. At a minimum, the Safety Chair plans to visit RPM in the next couple weeks to determine track condition and any work arounds for the event due to the flooding from last year.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance was \$81,592 on April 30, 2020, an increase of \$1,900 over March. Advertising generated \$1,062, the quarterly PCA rebate was \$1,060, and dues were \$30. April expenses included \$139 for Der Skooner printing.

MEMBERSHIP: Through April the GPR has 125 paid members (increase of 1 in April); 257 PCA members.

SOCIAL: June 13th Porsches and Pancakes is tentative, depending upon State and County Health Directives and restaurant policies. July Porsches and Pancakes is scheduled for July 11th, with the same caveats. Annual Picnic is now scheduled for July 19th at Walnut Grove Park, subject to the park remaining open.

EDITOR: May Der Skooner is published. Seeking volunteers to write their story for the Meet a Member feature in each month's issue. A gift card was provided to Denny Strauss for the winning member article for Q1 as voted on by the board last month. May 20th is the deadline for June article submission.

WEBMASTER: The website is up to date with event cancellations, and the Der Skooner link was provided to members via email.

Next meeting will be a teleconference on June 2, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Halvorson
Secretary

Reminder from the Board:

The GPR is dependent on volunteers as well. It's challenging to identify members who have an interest in leading the club and are willing to make themselves available to serve. We would like to hear from you if you are one of those people. Ideally, we are looking for both men and women to help lead our group. Knowing who has an interest will hopefully help us find a better balance on our board. We sincerely need your help.

PCA Nation Enews Letter from Vu

In all things PCA does, first and foremost is the health and safety of our members, volunteers, staff and their families. We are all impacted by the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and understand loved ones come first.

Though our daily routine has been affected, we remain focused on the needs of members and Regions. Below are links to our continuing stream of Porsche and PCA content, including highlights of how PCA members and Regions are helping out in their local communities. We hope this brings some normalcy to an otherwise anxious time.

We hope you enjoy these PCA membership online activities. We will soon be together again on the road and track, in the garage, and at car shows.

Stay in good health.

Vu Nguyen
Executive Director
Porsche Club of America

Excerpt from National enews email.

Members can check out the full article at this link: https://web.pca.org/email_template/20200327.html



PCA Sim Racing Series 5 Announced

Be sure to check out the latest PCA Sim Racing Series at the link: <https://pcasimracing.com/pca-sim-racing-series-5/> You now have some time to get your Sim racing rig setup and hit a few courses before the Series starts in the fall.

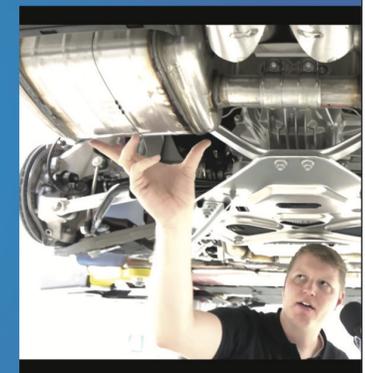
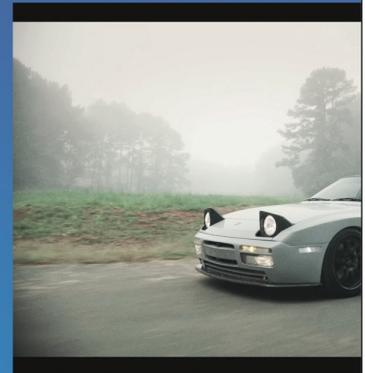
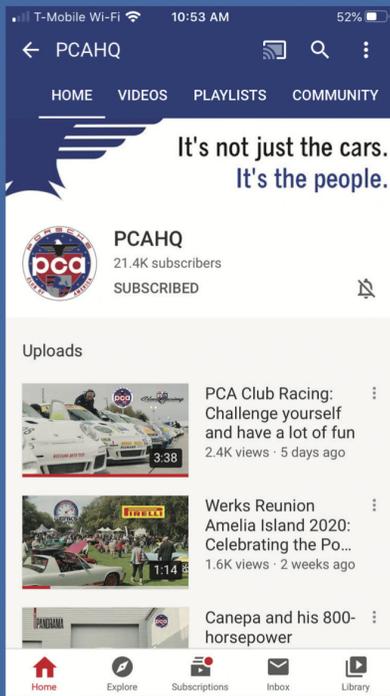


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