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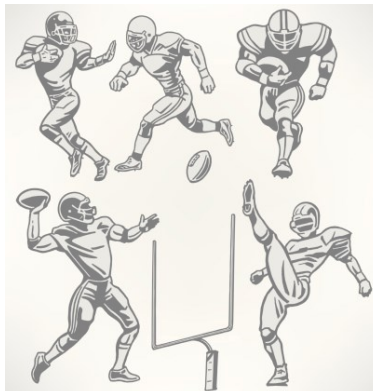
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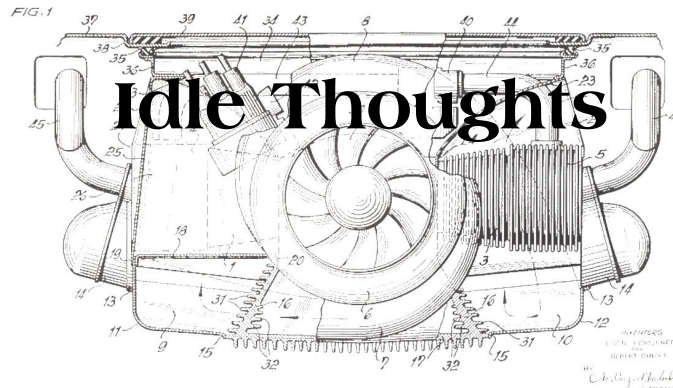


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By David Patterson, GPR President

Come As You Are.

I do not own a two-door Porsche.
 I have not completed novice training in the Porsche DE Program.
 I do not own Porsche socks.
 I have not attended Porsche Parade.
 I do not have much experience working on Porsches.

All of the above sentences should be punctuated with the word "YET" 😊, but they are all still very much descriptive of my "Porsche Pedigree" at the writing of this message. **None** of that matters to the members of the Great Plains Region. No matter what you drive or how you show your passion for Porsche; there is a place for you in our club. Our members share their time, knowledge, garages, tools, experience, advice, and camaraderie without reservation with **anyone** who starts their car "on the left". All you have to do is engage by attending a dinner, signing up for a fun run, pursuing an adventure on the track, or joining us for breakfast. We truly don't care what socks you wear.

After all, the journey to being a "Porsche Guy or Gal" may begin well before the purchase of a Porsche, and progress through Porsche ownership and membership in a club like ours ... but it culminates in *friendships that exceed expectations*.

So, come as you are. This is **your** club.

Now about that two-door Porsche...

David

Great Plains Region Club Calendar

September

September 10th—Porsches at Paradise 8:00am

September 14th - 18th—Treffen Fall (Oregon)

September 17th & 18th—High Plains Club Race

September 24th—Fun Run ([RSVP LINK](#))

October

October 1st—OktoberFAST DE at RPM

October 8th—Breakfast at Porsche Omaha 8:30am (RSVP)

October 22nd—Porsches & Pizza (RSVP)

National Calendar



Club Racing Calendar



Bob Kitamura, California Central Coast

Online and Social Media



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Upcoming GPR Social Events

Porsches at Paradise - September 10th



Please join us for our next Porsches at Paradise breakfast on Saturday, September 10th. We meet at Paradise Bakery & Café at Village Pointe, 17305 Davenport Street, Omaha.

The café offers omelets, scrambled eggs, breakfast sandwiches, quiche, yogurt and granola parfait, oatmeal, cinnamon rolls, and muffins. Of course, they have coffee, juice, smoothies and an Espresso Bar.

See you on the 10th and don't forget to bring diapers for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The Mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha (RMHC) is strengthening children and their families during their most difficult and challenging times.

The GPR has an opportunity to support RMHC by providing much needed monetary donations as well as items for families, for the kitchen, and for the House. **The Item of the Month for September is diapers.**

Check back each month to see what the Item of the Month will be for the RMHC Omaha.



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Porsche Breakfast

We hope you'll join us for our next breakfast at Porsche Omaha, on **Saturday, October 8th at 8:30am**. Watch your email for the RSVP coming soon. The first 50 are "in".

Our thanks to Porsche Omaha for sponsoring these quarterly breakfasts.

Our Next Social Dinner - Porsches & Pizza!

Our next social dinner will be held at **La Casa Pizzeria West, 610 S. 168th Street in Omaha**. What could be better than Porsches & Pizza?!

We'll meet on **Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00pm**. This is a bye weekend for the Huskers.

The room capacity is 55, so watch your email for the RSVP and signup right away!



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

August 9th, 2022

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm via teleconference. Present were David Patterson, Eric Elliott, Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Melinda Halvorson, Mike Anderson, Bob Kirchner, Jeremy Kroh, Rick Mourey and Kurt Halvorson.

PRESIDENT: David Patterson opened the meeting and turned it over to the directors for their reports.

SECRETARY: The July 2022 minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance as of June 30, 2022, was \$73,789. Revenue year to date is \$17,720. Expenses year to date are \$29,733, for a net year to date loss of \$12,013. Kirchner noted the \$300 insurance payment to PCA for the August DE was made.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 196 paid GPR members at present (a new record!), out of 468 PCA members assigned to our region. 298 of those are primary PCA members and 170 are co-members. Lynch noted 7 of the recent 11 PCA members have joined the GPR and she discussed plans to mail letters to all expiring PCA memberships, encouraging not only their national renewal, but also joining the GPR.

SOCIAL: The August item for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) is children's books; September's item will be diapers. Seven couples enjoyed the summer drive, winery stop, shopping, dinner and overnight to Weston, Missouri on July 16-17 with no incidents. The Ladies Only movie and dinner July 31st was enjoyed by 9 ladies, with ideas discussed for future events. A Sunrise Fun Run is scheduled for September 24th at 7am to Milady Coffee House in Fremont. Porsches and Pizza is scheduled for October 22nd at LaCasa West.

REGISTRAR: Dog Days DE August 20th at RPM has 15 entrants as of today's meeting, with 4 being novices. Safety Chair Mourey will assign instructors. Targeting minimum of 25 participants.

RPM reports hot patching has been done to improve track conditions!

SAFETY: PCA insurance for the August Dog Days DE on August 20th has been received. Mourey is planning a site visit to RPM on or before August 19th for clean-up and a track review to assess track conditions. Working on raffle items to encourage participation in the August DE. Mourey reports Club Racer counts have been received from National, with compilation of other data points underway to discuss with the Club Race team. Nationally, 2023 DE minimum standards are under review – focusing on DE safety for electric vehicles and related track requirements.

EDITOR: August Der Skooner was published and distributed to advertisers and members. Received a Meet a Member response and articles from the Rocky Mountain Region for September Der Skooner. July social events recap will also be included. Work continues on pursuing another potential advertiser as well. VP Anderson suggested articles on the Pebble Beach Concours and the Mecum Kissimmee Florida auction this winter from any members attending.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with confirmed events through October. August Der Skooner was emailed out August 1st to members. Elliott noted the RSVP form is ready for the October Porsche Omaha breakfast on October 8th.

OTHER BUSINESS: Patterson reported a GPR member has requested use of the GPR logo for their SIM race car. The board agreed to allow for said use, which will provide visibility to the club and general promotion of the brand. It was noted that in exchange for use of the logo, the member will be requested to write an article about their SIM racing experience for members to enjoy in Der Skooner. Editor Kroh raised the idea for awarding attendance points for participating in 2023 events to generate interest, camaraderie and a healthy competition for some type of year end prizes for those accumulating the most points. Discussion to continue at future meetings.

The next board meeting will be September 13th at 6:00pm.

Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

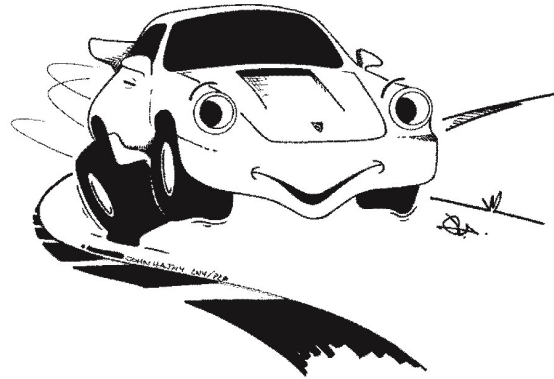
We Hope You'll Get Out and Drive Our Sunrise Fun Run - September 24th



Please join us for our next fun run on **Saturday, September 24th**. It will be an early morning but worth getting up for. We'll meet at 7:00am in Elkhorn and make our way on rolling straights and twisty roads to our final destination at Milady Coffeehouse in Fremont for a delicious breakfast. The restaurant is in historic downtown Fremont serving delicious coffee drinks, teas, croissant and bagel sandwiches and a breakfast burrito.

This fun run isn't just for sports cars - drive your 4 door if that's what you have!

Watch for an email coming soon to sign-up on ClubRegistration.net. All drivers and passengers will need to register and sign waivers on Club Reg.



Don't Miss Our Last Track Event for 2022!

OktoberFAST DE

Saturday, October 1st

Novices are welcome

**Raceway
Park of the
Midlands**



Check ClubRegistration.net for more information as it becomes available.

GPR Special Announcement

Article and Photos Courtesy of Eric Elliott and Jeremy Kroh

One of the time-honored traditions of Porsche Parade are the awards given for various categories. Enthusiast, Family, Region of the year are just a small sampling of the awards that are given annually. Awards are also given to the different classes of regions, and the Great Plains Region happens to be a Class III region. Classes are based on membership numbers for a particular region.

I would like to introduce you to Eric Elliot, the webmaster for the Great Plains Region. To those of you who may not know him, and to a lot of you newer members, you may only know him from the GPR emails you get each month. He has been a member of PCA and the Great Plains Region since 1997, after buying a 1987 944S five years earlier. Eric took over the role of GPR webmaster from Steve Wilwerding in 2010, and you have been stuck with him ever since. In 2002, a Boxster in Speed Yellow joined the garage, and eventually a lot of you became more familiar with him as a grid worker (alongside Russ Standage) at DEs and the Club Race.

In 2015, Eric "temporarily" relocated to New York City. Somehow, he is still there, but his roots (and his Boxster!) are still firmly planted here. Although he sold the 944S a few years ago, he still tries to get back a few times a year. That obviously has become difficult in recent years. Hopefully, that is behind us! If you keep your eyes peeled, you never know what GPR event he might pop up at!

With that small introduction, it is my great honor to inform you that our own Eric Elliott was the recipient of the Class III First Place PCA Website Award. Please be sure to drop Eric an email to congratulate him. His hard work is certainly evident.

Congratulations Eric!



Meet a GPR Member

Trent Hurley

Responses and Photos by Trent Hurley

When did you join the PCA?

June 2022

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

2006 997.1 Carrera S Cabriolet



Where are you from?

Council Bluffs, Iowa

What makes your car(s) special?

I purchased my 2006 997.1 in June 2022 from my uncle Robert who bought it new in 2006. He was very meticulous with it and really took care of it. When I purchased it, there was only 18,500 miles on it. I now have only 19,200 on it and learning more about it everyday! What makes it more spe-



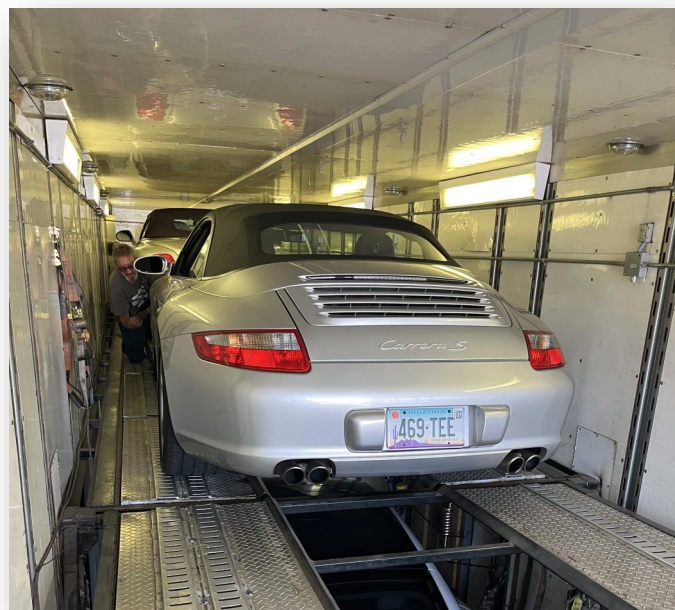
cial to me is my brother Todd passed away January 30, 2022. He always wanted an exotic car, but never had one. After he passed away, I realized life here on earth is too short. My wife Kim agreed it was time to follow my dream and purchase Uncle Robert's 2006 Porsche! Some days while cruising with the top down and the song "See You Again" is playing, I can almost hear my brother Todd asking if he can drive yet! I miss you and love you Todd! Till I See You Again!

Next Porsche or current project?

GT2 or GT3

Favorite memory with your Porsche?

First ride in it after unloading it from the enclosed transport truck!



What got you interested in Porsche?

Back in the early 90's, my uncle Robert asked me to go look at a 911 in Kansas City. It was bright red with a black convertible top. I had never been in one before but instantly fell in love and vowed that I would own one someday.

Favorite road trip, track or race?

Haven't taken any yet but I'm excited to do so!

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GPR Member - Hurley

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Any other dream cars you would own?

Porsche GT2 or Porsche GT3

What is the top song on your driving playlist?

See You Again by Wiz Kahlifa



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Skooners South!

Article by John and Linda Rebrovic

Photos by Melinda Halvorson

Seven GPR couples decided that July 16th and 17th was a good weekend to take a little road trip together.

Melinda Halvorson did a great job finding a fun location with plenty of things to see and do. Weston, Missouri met all the requirements; 170 miles from Omaha through beautiful green rolling hills, a winery close to the final destination, a distillery, a cigar bar in the basement of a tobacco barn, a quaint historic river town with several shops with wine and whiskey tasting opportunities.

At one time, Weston was the second largest port on the Missouri River. In 1850, over 265 steamboats docked at the Port of Weston. A flood in 1881 shifted the river into an old channel some 2 miles away. Buffalo Bill was also a one time resident of Weston. A significantly historic town of a time long gone, Weston was a major jumping off point for the Santa Fe Trail, the Oregon Trail and the California Gold Rush.

The route to Weston went through Falls City, where a stop at the Kwik Shop brought out a variety of Porsche fans. Six Porsches in a row all facing outward drew the attention of numerous drive-by photographers taking pictures on mobile phones. An older gentleman with a cowboy hat and a young boy seeing Porsches for his first time spent the most time studying each one of the cars. The boy's mother said he was a real car lover. Kim Burger generously let the young boy sit in his car and showed him the engine. Kim just made a new Porsche enthusiast.

One of the surprises on Weston's Main Street, was a soda fountain right out of the fifties/sixties. It had an amazing display counter with separate bins for the penny candy and a variety of ice cream treats including purple cows. The perfect walk down "memory lane."



The group met for a delicious dinner at the Avalon Cafe. A great restaurant in an antebellum home built in 1848, is known for the "White Lace" adornments on the front porch. After dinner drew to a close, The St. George Hotel was waiting. There are some rumors of hauntings that happen here, though you'll have to ask if anything supernatural occurred!

AVALON CAFE



(Click on either logo to visit the respective website)

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Weston

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Top Right: Karman and Paul De Luca, Ann Burger and Pat Shanley enjoy samples at Riverwood Winery

Middle Right: Kim Burger, Sandy and Paul Schudel and Kurt Halvorson gravitating to the whiskey selections. (Editor's choice!)

Bottom Left to Bottom Right: Cheers from Sandy and Paul Schudel, Linda and John and Rebrovic!

Be sure to check out Riverwood Winery on the web.

www.riverwoodwinery.com



Weston

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Right: Downtown Weston provided plenty of opportunities to shop as well, and John Rebrovic is more than happy to show off his new walking stick.

Below: The couples that took advantage of this fun weekend were Paul & Sandy Schudel, Moe & Pat Shanley, Paul & Karman DeLuca, Roger & Georganne Williams, Kurt & Melinda Halvorson, Kim & Ann Burger and John & Linda Rebrovic.



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Porsche 911 GT3 Cup

Article by David Safris - Photo credits to "Sideline Sports Photography" and David Safris

I decided a few years back that my racing life wouldn't be complete without racing a Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car. After spending hours sifting through details and communicating with race teams, I selected a Porsche 911 991.1 GT3 Cup. The 991.1 was produced from 2012-2016 and was replaced by the 991.2 model for 2017-2019. 991 cars are a big jump forward in performance from the 997 platform and I was specifically interested in the modern paddle shift transmission, available Bosch Anti-Lock Brake system, and the aggressive look of the modern cars.

As every Porsche driver is (or should be) an excitable child at heart - I'll admit I like the massive rear wing and the incredible noise the car makes at full throttle. Why? I don't know. Some psychologist is nodding their head right now and saying - oh yah - i can explain that. But back to the 991.1 GT3 Cup Car.

GT3 Cup cars are the most successful factory race cars ever built. Porsche produces approximately 150- 200 cars annually in race configuration to dominate race tracks around the world. Because of the special nature of the cars, and the low availability, most go directly to Pro race teams. After a few years they are sold off to amateur racers or Pro-AM racers.

I purchased a 2016 991.1 car that had been campaigned by Efrin Castro who is a Pro- AM driver racing with Kelly Moss Racing in Carrera Cup USA. The car has opened many doors for me in the racing world including meeting Riley Dickinson who is currently running 2nd place in

Pro division of Carrera Cup USA. Riley is with Kelly Moss Racing and also a driving coach. His coaching helped me through a couple of Porsche Sprint Challenge events and an International GT event in 2021.

He also agreed to co-drive with me in a 90 minute endurance race at COTA and we were able to grab 3rd place in a very competitive field. Riley became a professional Porsche racer before his 18th birthday and is yet to cross the magical mark of twenty. Impressive.



Along with Circuit of the Americas in Austin, TX (COTA) and Road America in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin I had a recent outing to High Plains Raceway just outside of Denver, CO.

First thoughts at High Plains were that the Cup car is a little constrained by the track layout.

This car wants to run wide open and devour long straights. The linked technical turns at High Plains would definitely take some getting used to and would be challenging at full race speed. I ran some 1:55's on old tires and decided that was enough for the day. I am looking forward to getting back out there with some fresh tires and someone to chase. I am told that 1:49 is possible. Challenge accepted.

A few random items about the 991.1 GT3 Cup car:

The carbon fiber doors are single unit with an integrated Lexan window. Once you are in the car you are completely enclosed. Sitting on grid on a sunny day it gets hot in a hurry with zero air movement in the car. Once moving, venting pulls outside air into the cockpit.

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GT3 Cup

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The 991.1 Cup is a three pedal car. The clutch is used to engage first gear to get the car rolling. After starting off, the clutch is not needed for subsequent shifts. In fact, while running, you do not even lift off of the gas pedal as you click through gears. The clutch is a little tricky from a dead stop and I know I am not the only racer to kill the car while trying to leave grid. It is an embarrassing way to start a track session.

If you leave turn eleven with good pace at Circuit of the Americas and keep your foot in it the whole way - you will be going 160+ mph at the turn twelve markers. At that speed you travel the length of a football field in about 1.25 seconds. This becomes all the more intense when you are 10 feet off of another cars bumper.

The brakes are physical, demanding, and other-worldly. Without power brakes found in street cars, the brakes require massive amounts of pressure to reach their max potential. The first

time I drove the car I thought I was really giving the brakes the business. After a quick look at my data the engineer with the team said "You are about half way there."

Sometimes you hear people say "You should never meet your heroes." In the case of the GT3 Cup car I would absolutely say if you love cars and you are fascinated by track racing - this car will not disappoint.



(Safris, left)



Membership News

No 5 year Anniversaries this month.

Welcome to new GPR Club Members:

Keith Taylor, Mark Frill, Keith Ensor, Jeremy House, Jerry Hoffman, Trent Hurley, Todd Simon and Ehab Saad Aldin.

By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 300

GPR Membership: 197

If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know.

The Great Plains Region Board works to ensure there are numerous social and car events for you to enjoy. Some social events are completely supported by the club. Your club dues must be paid for you to enjoy the fun.

If you have a question about your membership with GPR please contact Carol via email:

membership@gprpca.com.

A Note from the Editor

Dominos. The notion of electric cars has been around a surprisingly long time, dating back to the early 1800s believe it or not, using one-time use batteries. A few attempts in the early 1900s found electric cars in a losing battle in the dawn of the ICE engine from the likes of Ford and General Motors. It was more a novelty and a product of garage tinkers and conversion specialists.

Fast forward to the 2000s, with Tesla, Nissan and GM with their spin on electric in a mass mar-

ket attempting to gain a foothold. I'm sure at one point you didn't think that a battery would ever be your main power source of propulsion in your Porsche. There is a hybrid 911 being tested, and Ferrari has already gone hybrid with the SF90.

Announced in August, Stellantis, with it's bold and brash line of Hellcat fueled Dodge muscle cars, has announced that the last Hellcat will be produced in December of 2023. In its wake, a fully electric Charger was announced. Did you ever see that day arriving? Back to Porsche, the Boxster / Cayman platform will be fully electric in 2025, on the heels of the EV Macan, and you of course already know about the Taycan.

Interesting times for those that crave that flat 6 sound mated to a manual gearbox or PDK under your fingertips. Will a new debate begin that rivals the air cooled vs water cooled contest from the late 90s? Some still hold on to that verbal sparring, fun times afoot indeed.

And now my regular sales pitch. If you've recently completed an interesting P-car project in your garage (like I have with the install of a new convertible top!) or recently acquired a new car, I encourage you to share your stories for the newsletter with the editor!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

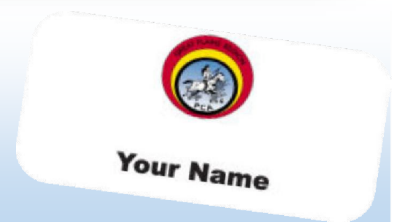
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Member Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event! The magnetic name badges are \$10, which includes shipping.

Please contact Melinda at Melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com. Don't forget to wear your badge to all GPR/PCA Events!



Rocky Mountain Region

Article thanks to Danielle Badler of the Rocky Mountain Region PCA

Comedians in Porsches

Whenever I'm between mini-series on Apple TV+, or HBO Max, or Netflix, or Hulu or ... I tune in episodes of *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*.

I find *Comedians* ... not only fun, but very enlightening. It's the nuggets I come away with, the deep dives into what's funny, all wrapped into bite-size 15 to 20-minute segments. And the cars in which Jerry Seinfeld picks up his guests, of course.

We all know about Jerry's love of Porsches. The difference, the difference between Seinfeld and you or me, is that he is in a position to back up his impulses with the best of the best. Like the very last 356 made, which he drove on an episode with ... I don't remember ... and it doesn't matter.

The car, however, does matter. As I recall, Jerry said the company had completed its production run. But the Dutch police asked for a batch for its own use. And the factory complied. And Jerry's 356 was the last of this last group. You can tell it's one of the Dutch police cars by the blue light on a pedestal that's attached to the windshield.

That's about as close as I've ever heard him come to extolling the virtues of the brand. I've never heard a monologue, or even a joke, about his love affair with all things Porsche. Until now. I've stumbled across a document, somehow, from somewhere, deep in the spam file of my AOL account, showing a little mold around the edges. It looks like material for ... could it be? Could it be real? A Seinfeld monologue on ... Porsche! I'm sharing the document here, word for word, because, well, how can I not? We're the audience! Here goes. You can supply your own rim shots.

Have you ever noticed that deviated stitching on a Porsche car seat does not deviate from its intended role, which is to keep the seat surface in its intended place? What are they afraid of?

That the seat will divert the car into oncoming traffic?

And how about a "sport exhaust?" It's a "loud exhaust," as best as I can tell. And I guess the whole exhaust discussion becomes "mute," if you're buying a Taycan.

What about a front-end lifter? You know, the mechanism that raises the front, so it won't scrape over speed bumps and driveway entrances. It sounds like the car comes with a refugee from Muscle Beach in Venice, CA, who's doing reps by performing dead lifts on the front end of your baby.

Why is it that Porsche charges extra for floor mats? And PASM? And PASM+? Have you ever met an owner who ordered their car with no options? Ever? It's like a putter without a grip. A 10-speed bicycle without a gear changer.

And those jump seats. Are they used in order to jump up? Jump down? Just where do you actually jump? How? Have you ever seen an adult human jump into one? Ever? And fit? I have enough trouble enticing my dog to hop in. And she's 40 lbs. My next jump seats will come in a cabriolet. At least my dog will have a fighting chance to leap in. Jump, Lily, jump! Good girl!

Targa. Don't get me wrong. I think a Targa roof is a clever design. But I have a flash for you. The word Targa means "plaque" or "shield" in Italian. The word was first used in an automotive context when Count Florio gave a "Targa" to the winner of his eponymous race in Sicily. Why don't they just call it a removable hard top? Or, in later cars, a retractable hard top? It is what it is, right?

Turbo. When most cars were naturally aspirated, the word Turbo really meant something. Especially in the early years, when the word "lag" was informally attached to it. Actually, those cars should have been called "widow-makers." But that's another story.

Now, nearly every ICE car from Porsche is turbocharged. I get that. But why do they still plant the word Turbo on just the highest performing versions of the marque? Why not, instead, call them "fastest?"

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Badler

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Then there's the Turbo S; anybody know what the S is for? Sonic boom fast? Suck your eyeballs out fast? Stand back with envy fast? See if you can catch me fast? Faster than a speeding bullet fast?

Here's the kicker. The last line of the script reads "yada, yada, yada." No joke. Or is it?

I'll leave that up to you.



Ladies Only Movie & Dinner

Article and photo thanks to Melinda Halvorson and Sandy Schudel

Nine GPR ladies enjoyed seeing the movie, *Where the Crawdads Sing* at the Marcus Village Pointe Cinema on Sunday, July 31st. We all agreed the movie was true to the book and really entertaining.

After the movie concluded, we walked over to Firebirds Wood Fired Grill for a fun dinner together. A little brainstorming occurred as we shared ideas for future events.

Be sure to watch your email for the next event!

Below: The attendees, left to right: Cindy Chambers, Pat Shanley, Linda Rebrovic, Linda Whitney, Diana Whitman, Susan Quast, Rachel Hill and Sandy Schudel. Melinda Halvorson behind the camera.



Top: Linda Rebrovic, Diana Whitman, Rachel Hill

Middle: Susan Quast, Linda Whitney, Melinda Halvorson

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