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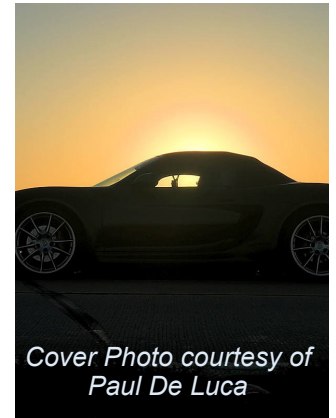
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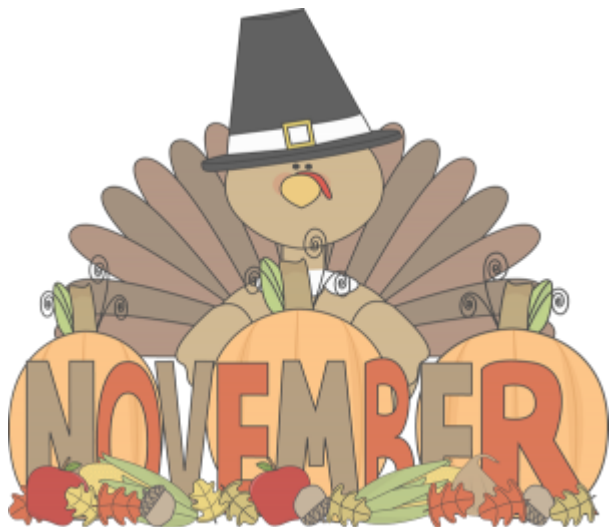
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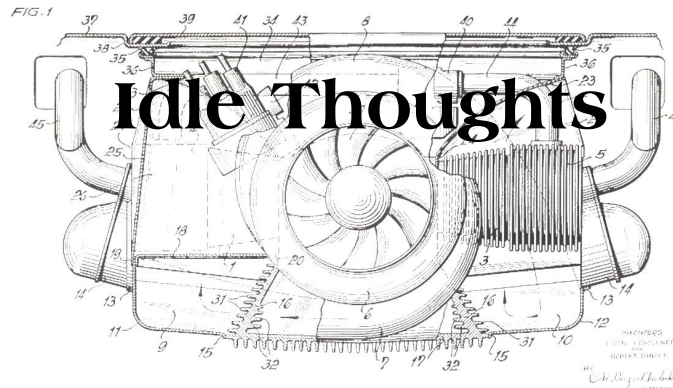
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**By David Patterson, GPR President**

When I was approached about being the president of this great Club over two years ago, one of the things that I was mindful of was the opportunity of writing these letters to all of you each month. I have prior to this written 22 editions of "Idle Thoughts" that have rambled and rolled through a variety of topics. At times, writer's block set in and my letter to Jeremy or Mark (present and past editors) was later than they would have hoped. When in doubt of what to write, the people that make this Club so great rose to the front of my mind and provided inspiration. Because of that, I am pleased that I have two months left in order to attempt to properly thank the individuals (and organizations) who contribute to the function and fun of the Great Plains Region.

The GPR has been blessed by advertisers and partners of all kinds through the years. These supporters share our love for Porsche and often times without fanfare keep the wheels moving forward. To each of our partners and advertisers, thank you for all of your direct and indirect support of the Club AND for all that you do to give advice, support, and service to our membership when called upon for your particular expertise.

Another group that is deserving of recognition are the behind the scenes donors who quietly donate time and often times monetarily for the greater good. A few examples of an impossibly long list are the tireless volunteers at track events, those who give of their time and knowledge to assist a fellow club member with needed repairs, donors that appear unprompted to financially support events that we all enjoy, and the many hands that chip in at our social activities on the road and behind tables throughout the year. These individuals and others have a passion for Porsche and for people. It has been gratifying to see their big and small gestures. While many would prefer to stay out of the lime-light, I and others have noticed and appreciate all that you do.

There are more to thank in the December edition of DS. Until then, with my final few characters I wish you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving. The weather may be getting cold but there is certainly plenty of warmth this time of year from time spent with family and friends. If travel is required, I hope that it is in a Porsche and that you and yours are safe.

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# Great Plains Region Club Calendar

## November

November 5th - New Member Dinner

November 6th - Porsche Collector Quest (1pm - 3:30pm)

November 12h - Porsches at Paradise (8am)

## December

December 10th - Porsches at Paradise (8am)

December 10th - Sip & Script Modern Calligraphy (Ladies Event - RSVP)

## January

January 21st - Annual Winter Party at Champions Run

## National Calendar

## Club Racing Calendar



## Online and Social Media



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# Ronald McDonald House Charities Updates



The GPR Board thanks **YOU** for supporting RMHC by providing much needed monetary donations as well as items for families, for the kitchen, and for the House this year. You gave items, big and small, that were truly needed. Thank you.

We're going to do something very special for November and December by adopting families who will be staying at the House for Christmas. We'll collect money for families then shop according to their wish lists. The amount of money you give will determine how many families we can support. No one wants to be in the hospital at Christmas. The more you give, the more we can help make their Christmas a little more special.

Here's an example:

If you donate \$50 you have supported a gift for a parent; \$150 will individually support a family of three. If you donate \$225 you have individually supported a family of four. And so on.

Please go to our secure website: [gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com) to give. Lets bless others by our giving.



## Volunteer Opportunity With The Ronald McDonald House Charities



**Saturday - Sunday, November 20-21, 2022 • Baker's Grocery Stores • Omaha, NE**

When families visit Omaha to seek medical treatment for their sick kiddos, we not only provide them with a place to stay, but we also work with our community to provide them with access to food and meals during their stay. Stuff the Pantry is just one event that helps us provide this support for our families.

**Volunteer opportunities:** Help us hand out Wish Lists and collect donated goods for families.

Contact Emily Swett, Volunteer & Events Coordinator, to sign up:  
[eswett@rmhcomaha.org](mailto:eswett@rmhcomaha.org), or 402-397-9377.

# Board of Directors Meeting

## Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

October 11th, 2022

The Great Plains Region PCA Board met at 6:00 pm at the home of Terry Lessmann. Present were David Patterson, Eric Elliott (by phone), Carol Lynch, Terry Lessmann, Melinda Halvorson, Mike Anderson (by phone), Jeremy Kroh, Bob Kirchner and Kurt Halvorson. Rick Mourey was unable to attend.

**PRESIDENT:** David Patterson opened the meeting and moderated the reports by directors. Patterson initiated discussion around an opportunity to partner with one of our advertisers for a car show/movie night next summer. Annual member awards were also discussed.

**SECRETARY:** The September 2022 minutes were approved as distributed. Voting for the 2023 GPR board is open. A reminder email to members will be sent October 15<sup>th</sup> noting voting will close October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**TREASURER:** The club's cash balance on September 30, 2022, was \$74,954. Revenue year to date is \$19,623; expenses year to date are \$30,770, for a net year to date loss of \$11,148.

**SOCIAL:** The October item for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) is on-the-go cereal; November and December will be determined. The Porsche Omaha breakfast on October 8<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. Many thanks to Porsche Omaha for hosting each quarter! November and December breakfasts will be back at Paradise Bakery Village Pointe. The Club paid Porsches and Pizza social dinner is October 22<sup>nd</sup> at La Casa West and is sold out. Porsche Collector Quest is Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – RSVP online. A Ladies Only “Sip and Script” calligraphy event is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> – emails will go out the first week of November.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have 216 paid GPR members at present (another new record). Letters mailed to 96 PCA members who are not GPR members or

whose membership had lapsed, yielded 9 new members and 8 renewals with the offer of 14 months of membership for the price of 12. Discussion ensued about Lifetime Membership criteria for those who have been a continual PCA member, but whose GPR membership has lapsed.

**REGISTRAR:** The Sunrise Fun Run to Milady in Fremont garnered 24 cars. Oktoberfest DE saw 29 drivers participate, including 6 novices, 2 who were certified to solo. The DE was profitable. The 2023 DE season is currently in negotiation with RPM and MPH.

**SAFETY:** No new National updates this month. Regionally: reviewing the 2022 DE and Club Race season and will provide any recommendations regarding instructors and DE format by the first of the year. Reports with no exceptions were filed with PCA for the October DE and the September Fun Run. The Fun Run to Milady Coffee Shop was well enjoyed by the participants. Our Club Race proposal with MPH was sent to their track management – awaiting their response. The final year end safety report is in progress.

**EDITOR:** October Der Skooner was published and distributed to advertisers and members. A Rocky Mountain Region article, recaps on October social events, Meet A Member, and a technical article will be included in the November newsletter.

**WEBMASTER:** GPR website is up to date with confirmed events. October Der Skooner was emailed out October 1<sup>st</sup> to members. RSVPs are open for Porsche Collector Quest, and the Ladies Only event will be posted by the first week in November. The 2023 Board ballot is active, with a reminder email going out October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next board meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary



# Porsche Collector Quest

## November 6<sup>th</sup>

You've never seen anything like it. Come out to the newest Great Plains Porsche Club event: Porsche Collector Quest. Porsche enthusiasts have found collectible items to extend their love of the P-car. Mark **November 6th from 1:00 to 3:30pm** on your calendar and **register today** ([gprpca.com](http://gprpca.com)) to see what others have found to add to their collection. Be prepared to view, buy or sell model cars and collectibles. Plan ahead for a drive in the country as the event will be held west of Valley on Ginger Cove Lake.



## Save the Date!

Please join us for our Annual Winter Party

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

6:00 pm Social Hour/Cash Bar  
7:00 pm Dinner, Raffle & Awards

Champions Run  
13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha

Watch your email and the next issue of Der Skooner  
for more information.



# September Fun Run

Article by Jeremey Kroh

Early in the morning of September 24th, 24 cars (and their drivers!) arrived in Elkhorn to make the trek through the foggy hills and highways skirting around the northern perimeter of the metro en-route to The Milady Coffeehouse in downtown Fremont. A brief stop afforded the group an opportunity to take photos of their cars as the sun crested over the yet to be picked soybean fields.

After time to visit and a chance to sample the options from the kitchen, Glen Ellis (the owner of Milady) gave a tour of the historic facility.

(Photos continue on Pages 10 & 11)



*Top right: Drivers gathering prior to the safety meeting.*

*Upper Left: Fog above the fields.*

*Upper Right: In line for coffee and breakfast.*

*Right: 2 doors, 4 doors, gas and electric. Great representation of the Porsche lineup.*

*Photo credits to Jeremey Kroh and Armando Colorado*





## Fun Run

*Right: The Porsche "conga" line is interrupted just short of Highway 30 by a west bound Union Pacific train. Photo courtesy of Armando Colorado.*



*Left: 2004 Boxster S owned by Jim Medici (top down even on that chilly morning!) Photo credit to Jim Medici.*

*Right: Mark Bergerson captured this photo of his 2010 911 Carrera.*





## Fun Run

The last photo (by Armando Colorado) I will leave you with is one more beautiful shot of the 2nd group of cars, led by Armando Colorado's 2006 Cayman S. This photo was taken while that train held up the group. If you missed the fun runs this year, be sure to look for dates to join us in 2023!



# Meet a GPR Member

## Greg Lemon

*Responses and Photos by Greg Lemon*

### When did you join the PCA?

January 2021

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

I have owned a 1981 924 and currently own a 1988 924S

### Where are you from?

Lincoln, NE

### What makes your car(s) special?

My 1988 Porsche 924S is one of five hundred Special Edition (SE) models.

They were decontented with manual windows, special cloth interior, no sunroof or AC, one manual side mirror, and a sports suspension, Koni shocks, stiffer sway bars. All were made in black. By this time the 924 body style has been around a while and I think it was an effort to get the price down to sell the cars that were getting a little difficult to move. Many, like mine, had the sunroof and A/C added back in.

### Next Porsche or current project?

Nothing major, the AC on car the started working again with a charge, but has evidence of a slow leak so fixing that and a timing belt front of engine service that these cars need on a regular basis are planned.

### Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Haven't done any epic road trips yet, so just fixing the little things, new speakers, sunroof gears, hatch release. I enjoy tinkering with small fixes like this more than the whole engine out paint off restoration stuff these days.

### What got you interested in Porsche?

A Lifelong interest in European sports cars, started with British morphed into German and other makes.



### Favorite road trip, track or race?

The vintage races at Road America is both a great sports car drive through the Wisconsin Dells and one of the premiere vintage racing events in the United States. Have been there many times via Porsche, Triumph and Austin Healey.

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## GPR Member - Member

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**Any other dream cars you would own?**

Jaguar E Type, BMW 3.0CS

**What is the top song on your driving playlist?**

Radar Love-Golden Earring



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# November & December Social Events

## Porsches at Paradise

Please join us for our next Porsches at Paradise breakfast on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.** 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.

Don't miss a delicious breakfast and great conversation with your fellow Porsche friends.

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## Ladies Only Event

Join us on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Cellar44 Wine Bar, 2835 S. 170th Plaza, Omaha for cocktails and modern calligraphy for beginners. You'll be learning an introduction to modern calligraphy with a pointed dip pen and ink. They will cover all the basics and get you ready to add those special lettered details to all your holiday tables, Christmas trees, hostess gifts, gift tags, holiday card mailings and more!

Class includes 1.5 hours of instruction and demonstration, a beginner's calligraphy kit (two nibs, black ink pot, 2 letter guides, tracing paper and straight pen holder), and all materials to write on. Everything is yours to keep at the end of the workshop. We will also be doing a BONUS lesson where you will learn how to letter on an ornament!

Note that this class is for BEGINNERS! There is a \$20 fee (the Club will pay the remaining fee of \$48 per person) and we only have 10 tickets available. **Watch your email the first week in November and follow the link to sign up right away!**



# Membership News

## Anniversaries:

**5 Years - Christopher Coda**

**10 Years - Steve Gehring**

**10 Years - Jeff Sena**

**Welcome to new GPR Club Members:**

**John Yurges**

## By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 306

GPR Membership: 219

**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 any questions about your membership with GPR please contact Carol via email:

[membership@gprpca.com](mailto:membership@gprpca.com).

## A Note from the Editor

The final few social events find the club winding down a busy 2022. Early morning on October 8th provided a number of members a chance to meet at the Porsche Omaha dealership and take in breakfast while mingling amongst the eye candy on the showroom floor.

Below, GPR President David Patterson gave his remarks that morning with Porsche Omaha's Mitch Schneringer waiting in the wings with his thoughts to the club. A 2019 911 Speedster quietly stole the show from both.



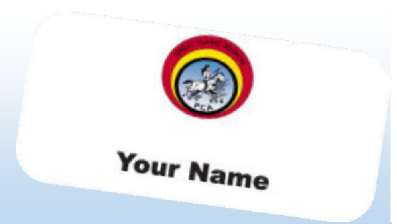
A nice surprise that morning, guests were invited to take a Porsche coffee mug home as they left. My son has claimed his for his weekend chalice, typically full of milk with breakfast.



## 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](mailto:Melinda.halvorson1115@gmail.com). Don't forget to wear your badge to all GPR/PCA Events!





# Editor

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Rounding out October, a gathering for “Porsches and Pizza” was held at La Casa Pizzeria West. GPR members filled up a side room and noshed on all the specialties La Casa had to offer.

*Upper Right: partial view of the parking lot as the sun was beginning to set on a beautiful October day.*

*Middle Right: GPR President David Patterson thanks attendees and briefly touches on upcoming events before we all dug in for dinner.*

*Bottom Right: GPR members working the room.*

The club has a few more events through the end of the year. Be sure to join your fellow enthusiasts at Paradise Bakery in November and December, with or without your favorite P-Car. For the ladies, a wine and calligraphy event are also scheduled. Please see the club calendar and social ad pages for more details.

The days are getting shorter. Hopefully you’ve had time to reminisce about the year. I’d invite any of you who may have taken a trip in your Porsche with a loved one or swapped some parts out in the garage with some friends to share your experiences, tips and tricks in a article for the newsletter.





# A Novice DE Experience

Article and photos by Kevin Coughlin

Getting into “Drivers Education” may seem daunting at first. Should I really take my car out on the track?

I had a very positive experience with GPR DE sessions this year. My first outing was Dog Days in August. My instructor was Jim “Let’s get you up to Speed” Medici. He put my 2010 Cayman through its paces on the track. *Holy cow* was all I could think as we went around the turns. Then it was my turn and we switched seats. Jim coached me through the turns the rest of the day. I learned so much, and I was exhausted.

For my second session at OctoberFast, my instructor was Bob Lynch. Bob asked me “How was your day with Jim? Me: “Great – I learned so much and found out what my car can DO!” Bob: “No, you didn’t. If you DID you were a Fool.” And Day 2 was all good – Bob coached me and critiqued my beginner skills – but graduated me to Green (from Novice Yellow) and checked on me through the day. I had lots to practice and many sessions to do it (while Alexa and others showed me THEIR skills) but that was great. By the end of my second session, I had driven more than I had in August and felt really good about my progress.

It may be cliché, it’s not the Porsches but the people that make this happen. Rick, Terry, Sandy, Jim, Bob, Joe and others truly want novices to get “up to speed”. They are there to help, coach, advise, and whiz past you on the track when Green and Red share a session! I felt challenged, but above all, safe. Terry’s classes and his 1-lap video of RPM were excellent preparation for on-site training. For me, I’ve come a long way in 2 track days – but I won’t be catching Bob anytime soon – and that’s just fine. I can’t wait for Spring.



Kevin with DE instructor Jim Medici



Kevin with Jonathan Cardenas



Kevin Coughlin and Jonathan Cardenas with Rick Mourey

# Backup Camera Install

*Article and photos by Steve Wilwerding*

After I bought my 2013 Boxster a couple years ago, one thing became obvious rather quickly – it had a lot less rearward visibility than my 1998 Boxster, especially with the top up. Most cars in the last eight years or so have backup cameras as standard, including the other two cars in my garage, and when I went to backup in the new Boxster, I was instinctively looking to the screen rather than in the mirrors.

Therefore, I pretty quickly started researching the possibility of adding a backup camera. The first step (if you are looking to go this route yourself) is that you have a screen, and if your Porsche is pre-2012 or so, that requires that you have a PCM unit. In my 2013, I don't have a PCM unit, but my CDR23 does have a screen, though at a somewhat lower resolution than we are used to in newer cars.

The next step is to find some way to interface a camera with your existing stereo. It is always an option to buy an aftermarket stereo and install it, as most new stereos have all the bells and whistles, but assuming you want to keep your original stereo, you will have to find an appropriate box that outputs to your specific stereo and has a camera input. In my case, searching for **CDR23 backup camera** turned up a number of options, some that only allowed camera input and cost around \$800. However, the one option that turned up frequently on Porsche boards was something called JoyeAuto. JoyeAuto not only allows a camera input, but supports Apple Carplay (both wired and wireless), Android Auto, Bluetooth phone connectivity and a USB input for MP3 files. Best of all, it costs around \$400.

The other convenient aspect about the JoyeAuto is that, for whatever Porsche stereo you are trying to integrate with, there is likely someone who has BTDT (been there, done that) and has posted pretty good instructions. In my case, someone who owned a Cayman GT4 and had a CDR23 did a thorough writeup of what was involved, and I took copious notes.

At this point, you may be asking, what about the camera? The fact is that you can use pretty much any camera you want, since they all have

a pretty standard interface. However, I would say that after all the money and time you will spend on this project, whether you do it yourself or have someone else do the work, it is worth getting a good camera. I ended up buying a Natika camera off of Amazon – it has good resolution in both daylight and darkness, comes with the ability to either display backup lines or not, and supports mounting in different orientations.

After reading up about the JoyeAuto unit for the better part of a year, I was confident I could tackle the install myself, but installing the rearview camera was another matter. In my case, it involved removing the rear bumper and finding a path for the camera cord all the way from the back of the car up to the stereo. I was not too wild about doing that part myself, and luckily, after calling SLM Auto, they were willing to do the install.

I use “luckily” and “willing” quite deliberately – I had searched high and low for someone to do the install, in both Omaha and KC, and SLM was the only one willing to take it on, even though they had not done a comparable install before. The good news is that they did a remarkable job – looking at my car you would have no idea the install took place (other than the camera on the rear bumper) - they routed the camera wires through the existing wiring looms, and expertly tucked the JoyeAuto unit underneath the carpet in the passenger footwell.



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## Backup Camera

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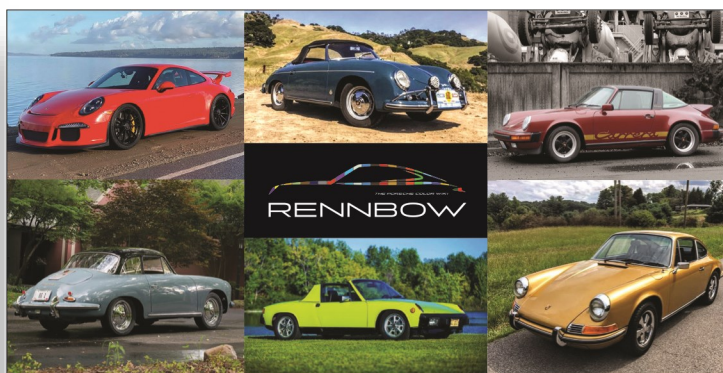
The not-so-good news is that I was likely the first and last install that SLM will take on. According to Alex at SLM, trying to tuck all of the existing and new wiring behind the factory stereo was quite a challenge, and not one they are in a hurry to take on again, unfortunately. They did say if you have a Cayenne or Macan, there is much more room available, and they would likely be able to do the install.

After getting the car back, I have found that it makes such a difference having the backup camera. I quickly realized that while the solution was not cheap, backing into something (or God forbid someone) would be far worse. Apple Carplay is very convenient – it allows you to use apps like maps or music from your phone, and will pop them up on the car display. I also love the USB interface – I have a USB stick with all of my music, and I can just leave it plugged into the car all the time. All in all, it was definitely a worthy upgrade.



If reading this article has spurred you on to adding a backup camera and/or Carplay to your Porsche and you have questions, feel free to email me at [steve.wilwerding@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wilwerding@gmail.com) - I have been researching these options for over a year, and can help if you get stuck with your Google search. If you want to go the JoyeAuto route, be advised that it is a Chinese product, and there are a number of shady places with ads at bargain

basement prices. I bought mine from a reputable source in the US, and they even offer phone support as an add-on, plus they have their own install videos on YouTube.



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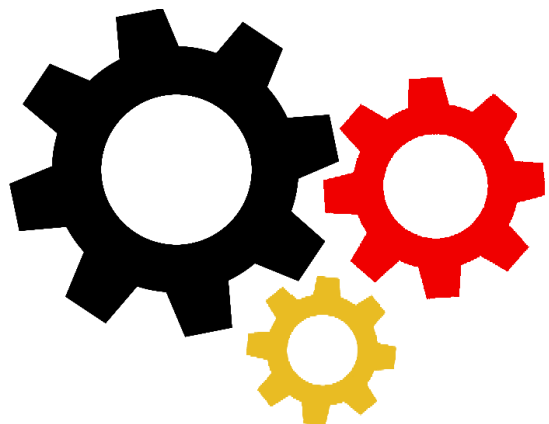
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## Ruminations on Personalization

Wherever we are, we're obligated to identify our vehicles with some form of license plates. It's the law. That said, however, humans are human, which means many of us can't leave well enough alone. We seize the opportunity to personalize our plates, with who we are, what we are, where we are, what we do, what we like, who we like, and so forth and so on.

I've spotted a few favorites, over the years. A Ferrari F40, sitting on blocks in a dealership, with the plates carrying the message "BY BY COP." I guess, if you can afford the F40, you can afford the tickets you'll probably accrue by baiting the gendarmerie in blue.

Then there's "WLDKRZGI." And old, old friend of mine has used this on a variety of exotic machinery. He says people would drive up, and you could see them thinking, thinking, thinking, what the ... and then they'd get it, laugh, give a thumbs up and drive on.

My personal favorite is, no kidding, "KINAHURA" on a Rolls Corniche, many years ago. You don't get it? Here's today's lesson in Yiddish. It more or less means "knock on wood." There's no direct English translation, which is typical of a lot of Yiddish words. But that's another story.

Oh, I also saw, at a car show recently, "KENWON," on a latest-model Ford GT.

As for Porsches, I doubt there's a state in the Union without a "PORSCHA," or "PORTIA," or "FLATSIX," or ... let's just leave it at that.

What I'm always curious about is how car designers integrate these necessities into their products. Because, when you think about it, there's quite a variety of plate sizes and shapes around the world. And automotive solutions vary as much as variations in the law.

For example, did you know that fully 20 states do not require a front plate? I looked it up – I had no idea it was that many. Of all the states I've lived

in, five, Pennsylvania was the only one where I was able to disassemble the front bracket on my 911 SC, and install "bumper plugs" on the Boxster S and Carrera I owned during that period.

I think the Italians do it best, at least for their own products, at least in Italy. While the rear plate is always a typical EU-reg black-on-white square or rectangle, the front plate is often a shrunken, rectangular version, which integrates remarkably well on the knee-high front end of their exotics. Is this an accident? It's Italy. I doubt it.

Maybe someone can explain to me what the deal is with plates on vehicles in the UK. Apparently, they can be privately bought and sold. How do I know? I see full-page spreads of "number plates" for sale in the back pages of British car magazines. In the US of A, you buy your plates from a motor vehicle department of some sort, as God intended, and you can transfer them to your next vehicle, if you so desire. In the UK, apparently, procuring vanity plates is its own cottage industry.

Now, when front plates are the law in virtually every market in the world, except those 20 states, why is it so difficult for some manufacturers to integrate this necessity into the front-end design of their vehicles?

Exhibit A is the latest-edition Lexus. Any modern Lexus. They all now come with a corporate front end that looks like the snow-plow attachment for some Northwest Zephyr railroad engine, ready to blast its way through 20-foot-high drifts on the Donner Pass. The license plate, any license plate, just gets in the way. One simple question, why?

Then you have the opposite situation with the super giant economy size front kidney grills on the latest-model BMWs. I mean, haven't we been through this before with BMW design? Didn't we turn our back on the Bangle Butt some 20 years ago? Do you remember? Really clean, organic, integrated design ... destroyed by ... I'm sorry, I can't explain it ... a simply weird-o design hiccup at the rear.

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But Chris Bangle is long gone from BMW design. Is there some gnome-like ex-student of Bangle, who crawled out of a manhole to get his hands on front-end drawings in the middle of the night, and “fixed” them before anyone in management knew what happened?

I don’t know. All I do know is that the look of the latest BMW kidney grill is the only front-end design that seems to actually need a license plate, right in the middle, to break up the awkward mess of the gigundo twin intakes that are, at least to me, completely out of perspective.

But, then again, there’s no accounting for taste, or rules. Just ask the car buyers, the DMVs and the auto manufacturers of the world.



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