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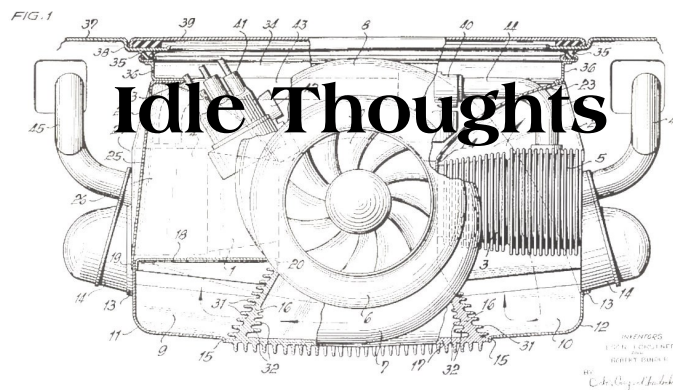
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By David Patterson, GPR President

A couple years ago I could hardly believe that I owned a Porsche. Then I found myself at a podium in front of your club. I did not know an AOS from my own A%\$ but was determined to learn all that I could from each generous member that was willing to pour their knowledge and experience into me. As a benefit of the last two years, I have a bit more mechanical experience, a better eye for model distinctions, have absorbed as much history about the Great Plains Region as I could, and expanded my knowledge of the Porsche brand overall. I have cherished all of your stories, both tall tales and true accounts, and have started new personal collections of Porsche posters, memorabilia, and toys. But of all that I have accumulated, the new and expanding friendships are the best.

At the top of that list of "Porsche people" I call friends are those who have served on the board with me. While I have tried my level best to thank each of them as the months, meetings, and events have ticked by; I hope that my sincere appreciation does not fall short. Thank you again to Joe, Mike, Kurt, Bob, Melinda, Carol, Terry, Rick, Jeremey, Mark, and Eric. You have all been tireless as caretakers of GPR and have shepherded the club forward in countless ways by your efforts.

As December 1st marks the end of my term as President of the Great Plains Region, a few final acts before the calendar flips: 1) A special thank you to Melinda Halvorson as she concludes her time as social chair after a busy two years of coordinating our events and philanthropy. A job well done to be sure. 2) A hearty welcome to Paul Schudel as he takes up the baton as our new social chair, and 3) I express my gratitude to Mike Anderson for answering the call to be our new club president. As great as these wonderful automobiles are, they still need guidance to move forward. Similarly, our club has a bright future with the leadership elected to the 2023 board.

My very best to you and yours this holiday season.

Onwards!

David

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Great Plains Region Club Calendar

December

December 10th - Porsches at Paradise (8am)

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

January 2023

January 14th - Breakfast & DE 202 at Porsche Omaha 8:30am

January 21st - Annual Winter Party at Champions Run

National Calendar

Club Racing Calendar



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Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of the GPR Board meeting

November 8th, 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, Jeremy Kroh, Bob Kirchner, Rick Mourey and Kurt Halvorson.

PRESIDENT: Patterson opened the meeting and moderated the reports by directors.

SECRETARY: The October 2022 minutes were approved as distributed. Voting for the 2023 GPR board concluded October 31st. 67 member votes were cast. The ballot nominees were elected without exception: President – Mike Anderson, Past President – David Patterson, Secretary – Kurt Halvorson, Treasurer – Robert (Bob) Kirchner, Social Chair – Paul Schudel, Membership Chair – Carol Lynch, Registrar – Terry Lessmann, Safety Chair – Rick Mourey, Editor – Jeremy Kroh, Webmaster – Eric Elliott.

TREASURER: The club's cash balance on October 31, 2022, was \$74,445. Revenue year to date is \$19,766; expenses year to date are \$31,423, for a net year to date loss of \$11,657. The Octoberfast DE made \$442.

SOCIAL: November and December donations for the Ronald McDonald House are to be monetary contributions to adopt families who are staying at the facility over the holidays. Porsches and Pizza social dinner was October 22nd at La Casa West with 44 out of 52 RSVPs attending - no shows were asked to reimburse the club for their meals. Eighteen attended the New Member Dinner November 5th. Porsche Collector Quest Sunday, November 6th drew 22 in attendance. The Ladies Only "Sip and Script" calligraphy event is December 10th – RSVPs are open. PCA subsidies were discussed, which are available for certain social events. Social, Treasurer and President will coordinate a process to apply for these as applicable for 2023.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 219 paid GPR members at present (another new record), out of 304 PCA Primary members assigned to our region. Lifetime member shirts for 2023 have been ordered for the two members who qualify next year. Annual dues expire as of 12/31/22. A reminder for 2023 dues payments will be included in the December newsletter. Lynch plans to provide additional

promotion of the GPR web store to members in the upcoming year.

REGISTRAR: An advanced DE 202 presentation is being readied for Winter 2023. Details to come.

SAFETY: No new National updates this month. Mourey reported he is completing the 2023 Club Race application from PCA while awaiting MPH's response to our proposal regarding event costs. Discussions are underway with PCA regarding their second ambulance requirement for the Club Race and related costs.

EDITOR: November Der Skooner was published and distributed to advertisers and members. A Rocky Mountain Region article, recaps on November social events, Collector Quest, Meet A Member, and an out of region article detailing a trip to the Porsche Museum in Zuffenhausen will be included in the December issue. Kroh will contact advertisers for 2023.

WEBMASTER: GPR website is up to date with confirmed events. November Der Skooner was emailed out November 1st to members. RSVPs are open for the Ladies Only event. The Ronald McDonald House donation page/links and blog post are in place. Elliott will update the web pages for the 2023 Board Members and will update the membership form for 2023. "No show" language will be added to RSVP forms, noting the reimbursement requirement if you register and don't show up for a club paid event.

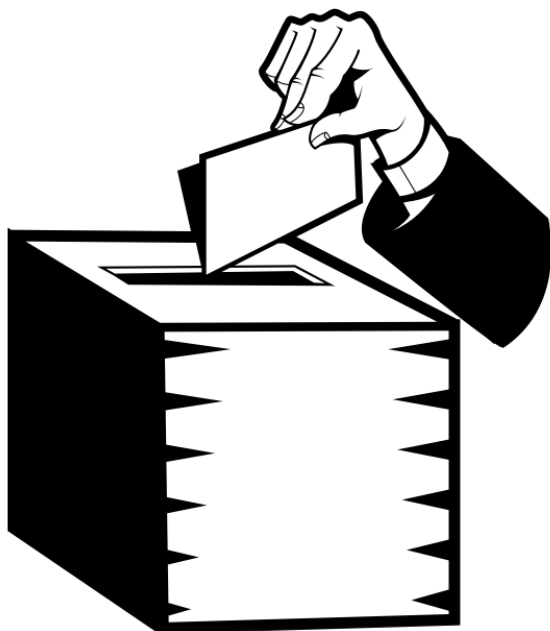
VICE PRESIDENT: Anderson reported on a recent PCA Webinar discussing a new online tool available for regions called Glovebox. Designed as an archive repository for regional documents, Anderson recommended we begin using it in 2023 for board reports.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Annual Board "Thank you" Dinner will be held December 13th at 6pm. A Points Program (the awarding of points for attendance at club events) was discussed, with Editor Kroh and Membership Chair Lynch to return to the board with a program proposal. Annual awards were finalized to be presented at the Annual Holiday Dinner in January.

The next board meeting will be January 10th at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Halvorson, Secretary

ELECTION RESULTS



Your 2023 Great Plains Region Board:

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Newsletter - Jeremy Kroh



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you will be charged for the meal (including taxes and fees) that the Club has incurred.
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December Social Events

Porsches at Paradise

Please join us for our next Porsches at Paradise breakfast on **Saturday, December 10th 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

ONLY TWO SPOTS LEFT!

Join us on **December 10th 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!

There is a \$20 fee for this event (the Club will pay the remaining fee of \$48 per person). Sign up NOW on our website: gprpca.com.



Porsche Collector Quest

Article by Jeremy Kroh

It was a fine but windy Sunday afternoon for what we can hope was the first of many “Annual Porsche Collector Quest” gatherings. I decided to make the drive from the northeast reaches of Omaha out to Mike Anderson’s residence in Valley on Highway 36 (with the top down, in November!) to see the collections. To be sure, they did not disappoint in either scale, or variety.

The idea was hatched earlier in the year. A few of the board members would send a text message to the group showing off a recent Hot Wheels find. During those discussions of looking to trade one Hot Wheels for another, it was decided that getting these collections in one place would make for a fun afternoon.

The photos that follow really tell the story better than I. Carol Lynch, Denny Strauss, William Fahl, Kurt Halvorson, Roger Sherman, Joe Chambers, John Hanssen and of course the event host Mike Anderson (*top right*) all had impressive collections to share. Look for this event again next year!



Collector Quest

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Below: Carol Lynch with Denny Strauss

Bottom: A memorabilia display provided by William Fahl.



Above: Armando Colorado shows off his macro photography skills with one of Denny Strauss' collectibles.
Below: Carol Lynch's display of literature.
Bottom: A vintage transport belonging to Denny Strauss.





2023 Membership News

By the numbers:

PCA Primary Membership: 305

GPR Membership: 219

No new members or anniversaries this month.

Season's Greetings GPR Members!

2023 is just around the corner and your membership may need to be renewed!

Please take note. Unless you are a Lifetime Member, have prepaid dues for multiple years or recently took advantage of the 14-month membership offer...

Your local Great Plains Region Dues Are Due as of 1/1/23

To attend the 2023 Winter Party, your local Great Plains Region dues must be current and paid by January 20, 2023.

The Winter Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023.

All dues that are paid in December of 2022 will be credited to the January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, calendar year. Dues are \$30.00 per year for a Primary Member. This payment of dues by the primary member also allows a co-Member to attend club events. If a co-Member would like to show support of the club, and also pay annual dues, the club would be most appreciative.

Dues may be paid on our website, gprpca.com. Right at the top of the "home page" is a banner

that says, "Join or Renew". Click the banner and follow the prompts.

A few items to have squared away when renewing your GPR membership:

- 1) Your PCA National member dues must be current to join the Great Plains Region.
- 2) If you have questions of whether your PCA National dues are current, please log into your account at the pca.org website to inquire.
- 3) You will need your PCA National number handy (which has 10 digits and is located on your PCA card) in order to renew your membership with the local Great Plains Region.
- 4) If you have questions about your local Great Plains Region dues, please check with the GPR Membership Chair (email is provided below).

Thank you for attending to this important detail in a timely manner. The GPR Board always has great events scheduled for both on and off the track. Your membership is the key to unlock all that fun and camaraderie.

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

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:

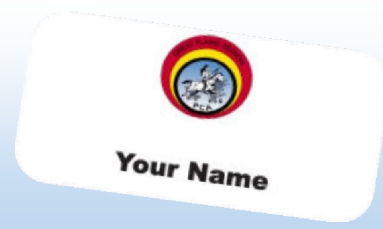
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A Note from the Editor

The year is winding down. You have had your turkey and were triumphant in the annual wishbone ritual. Some of you have tucked your car carefully away for the long winters' slumber. Those 4 door Porsches are boldly waiting to take over the daily driving duties left behind. Others have had summer tires swapped out for their winter counterparts so as to power through the cold temps knocking on the door and extend a 911's or Boxster's driving season. I hear you, Cayman and transaxle car owners.

I'm fairly sure that Jolly Ole' Saint Nick is still taking requests. Just to make sure my message was not overlooked, anything in Signal Green please. I hear its one size fits all.

I'll be working on finalizing some details on awarding attendance points for the various events next year. Points will be awarded per event, and some events will carry more weight than others. At the annual party the following year, we will draw a name from the pool and award a fabulous gift. Stay tuned for more details.

What is on your agenda next year? New parts? New car? Road trip? Be sure to send in a photo with a caption, or article if you're so inclined. We would love to share in your adventures in the garage, track, or the open road. Have I mentioned the email address lately?

Editor@gprpca.com

One final note to close out my thoughts. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all the advertisers and sponsors of the club, you help make the Great Plains Region, truly great. As we sprint towards 2023, I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



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Carol Lynch | Membership Chair | carol.lynch356@gmail.com

Zuffenhausen or Bust!

Article and photos by Henry Becker of the Chesapeake Region PCA

The idea started innocently enough. In the early spring of 2022, it occurred to me that few people travel to Germany in late October. By then, Oktoberfest is over, it is too early to ski, and the Christmas markets have not gone into full swing. 2022 was going to be the year that I go to the Porsche Museum.

It is important to note that I had both selfish and unselfish reasons for visiting the museum. The selfish reason, obviously, was to see the museum and the awe-inspiring pieces within its walls. The unselfish reason was to create a photo catalogue for the folks who may never make it there. As far as I have found, there is no comprehensive, detailed Porsche Museum gallery on the internet. Granted, the exhibits change often. What follows is a short story about the logistics and experience of my trip. As well, there is a link to an organized, detailed Google Photo Album of over 500 pictures from the Porsche Museum at the end of October 2022.

My wife was on board with a solo trip so long as I kept the cost down. I am a no-frills kind of guy (sensible German in my own right). Having travelled extensively on budgets, I know how to keep a trip cheap. This would be an in and out, three-days on the ground, trip. I did not have to look far for great airfare. The lowest cost route was on Lufthansa from Newark, NJ to Frankfurt. This would also require taking roundtrip Amtrak trains from BWI to Newark on the US side. Once in Germany, I would be roundtripping the train between Frankfurt and Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen. The total cost of the trains on both sides plus airfare was way cheaper than flying direct into Stuttgart from any airport close to my home in Maryland.

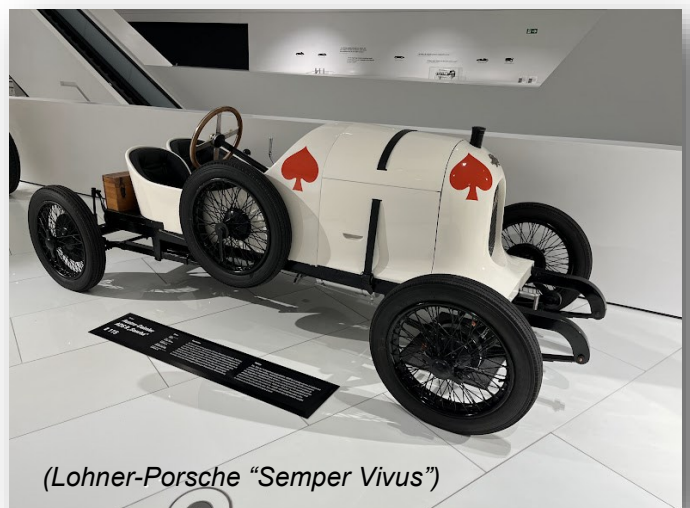
I know some reading this may think what a hassle - Amtrak to Lufthansa to Deutsche Bahn to S Bahn to shoe leather express. Remember the goal was to keep the cost down. We have one in college and two more coming into college age in the not-too-distant future.

The bottom line is I could have travelled to Zuffenhausen with less hassle but at double the

cost. Long-story short, I'm an experienced traveler accustomed to navigating other countries. I've been to more than 35 countries and have even spent a year circumnavigating the earth. So, taking a bit longer route is not an obstacle. If I am being honest, I enjoyed my travel path to Zuffenhausen and met a few nice people along the way.



For accommodation, I picked Hotel B&B. This is a relatively small hotel chain operating around Europe. Rates are more than reasonable. The rooms are clean, comfy and perfect for folks doing little more than sleeping and showering. More than anything, the Hotel B&B in Zuffenhausen is 300 meters from the museum. What more could I ask for? Before spring had sprung in 2022, I was booked for a fall trip to Zuffenhausen and counting the days.



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Zuffenhausen

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About three months out, I got an email from Porsche saying that factory tours were back on. As you might have guessed, Covid shut down factory tours for a long time. So, yes, I scheduled a 911 factory tour for the unfathomably low rate of 10€. If my excitement was not already primed it went into overdrive with the idea of touring the factory. Oh, by the way entry to the museum for PCA members is only 5€.

At 7:30am on Wednesday, October 27th my flight made a blind landing in Frankfurt due to fog. With a short wait for my ICE train to Stuttgart, I enjoyed a few baked goods and a sandwich. Deutsche Bahn has a convenient long-distance station right next to Frankfurt airport that offers a seamless way to get moving once on the ground. The one hour and ten-minute ride deposited me at Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof where I switched to the local S Bahn. Four stops later and I was at the Zuffenhausen Neuwirtshaus stop at Porscheplatz. After a much-needed ten-minute walk, I checked in early to the hotel.

With this being a short trip, I knew it was critical to stay awake day one. For that reason, I booked the 911 factory tour in the middle of the day. Interesting content and a lot of walking would keep the sluggishness away. The tour started at the museum where we then walked across the traffic circle with the flying 911s. No cameras or cell phones were allowed on the tour. So, sorry no pics from the tour.

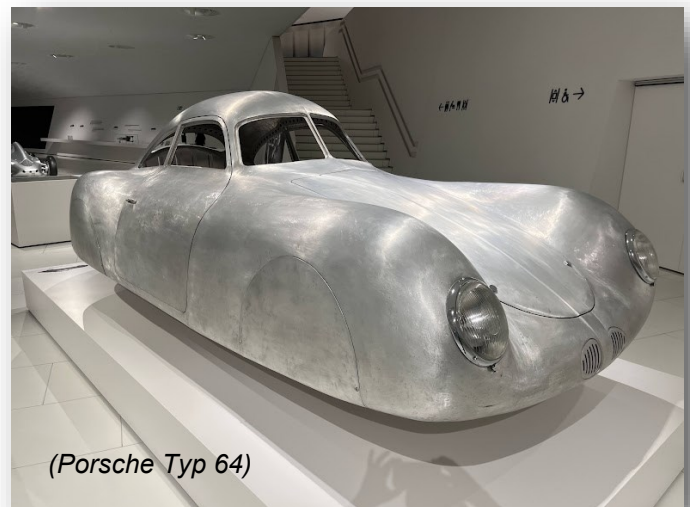
Our first stop on the tour was the point where the painted bodies have been married to the chassis and arrive for the beginning of interior installs. We followed the cars along the way to wheel mounting. On the line, folks have minutes to get their parts of the car in place as the line moves. Funny point our guide made is that the wheel center caps are sent separate from the car due to theft in transport. From there, we visited the leather dying, prep and cutting area. We finished with the boxer engine assembly line. The engine assembly line is long and has many stations that are primarily staffed with humans. It's the rare station that has a robot arm swinging around.

The one and a half hours spent in the factory

provided impressive insight into the logistics, precision, and production of the iconic 911.

The tour wrapped up in the 3:00 hour and I was starting to feel my energy fade. While tempted to go back to the hotel and sleep until the next day, I opted to take the train into Stuttgart. Right before my arrival, the Porsche Brand Store opened in Stuttgart. Not a store per se, rather a boutique to entertain and amaze. The 'store' does sell some items but seems to be more of a location for cobranding. In the time I was there, a popular DJ was spinning one night and another night there was a wine tasting.

The unseasonably warm weather made for a summer-like evening. Throngs of people shopped and wandered near the area around Schlossplatz. As the sun dipped below the buildings the glow of the Ferris wheel just outside the Neues Schloss grew brighter. At the same time, my energy faded with the sun. On the way back to the S Bahn, I lucked into passing a shawarma joint off Konigstrasse. I can't resist shaved meat stuffed in a pita with the works. With a full belly and short train ride back to the hotel, I turned in for the evening.



(Porsche Typ 64)

The Porsche Museum opened at 9:00am on Friday the 28th. I was up at 7:00am strategizing. Fully stoked for a day in the museum, I fueled up a block down from the hotel at Siegel's 711 bakery. The super friendly staff and wide array of baked goods, coffee and sandwiches made Siegel's a no brainer.

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Zuffenhausen

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The museum's layout takes you in a long, upward, counterclockwise pattern. Once at the top, you take a long escalator back down. To that end, my strategy was to be there early and go straight to the top and work my way down as others came up. Then, later in the day, when others were at the top, I would start at the bottom. My hope was few people in my photos.

Generally speaking, the strategy worked well as I had the top 1/3 of the museum mostly to myself for 45 minutes. The same was true later in the day. As the final stragglers came into the museum late in the day, they hurried through. This left the first 1/3 of the museum almost empty for the last 45 minutes of the day.

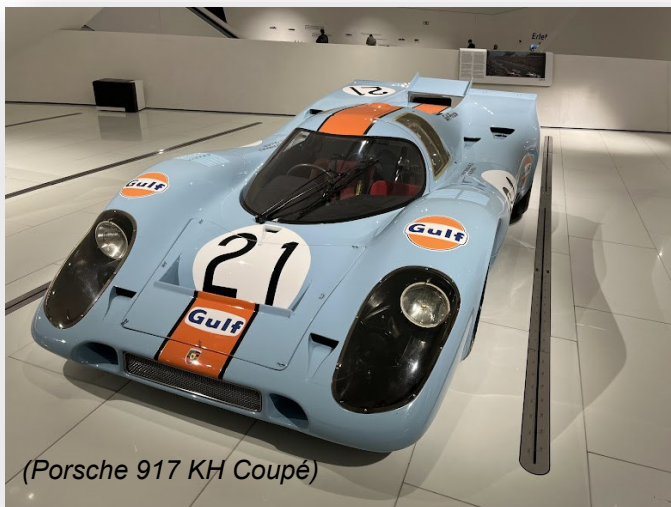
Over the course of two days, I spent 7 hours in the museum capturing all but four cars in fair detail. The four cars I did not capture are in the photos but were on a high shelf that did not allow for detailed photography. Once I photographed all the cars and their respective information placards, I tucked my phone away and wandered through the museum a second time to read, experience and enjoy.



(Porsche 356 "Nr. 1" Showcar)

I've been to countless museums around the world. In my opinion, there is no better run or organized than the Porsche Museum. The accessibility of the cars is the key. You can get right up to the cars and take as detailed a photo as you want (as you will see in my pictures).

I cannot express enough what a great experience the museum was. As you walk past some of the 917s you can smell the car. If you are a petrolhead you know the smells I'm talking about. You will visit few museums that give you a visceral response like the Zuffenhausen Porsche Museum will.



(Porsche 917 KH Coupé)



(Porsche 917 LH Coupé)

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Zuffenhausen

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I hope you enjoy the Google Photo album I put together. There are far too many photos to include in the article, so please follow the link to the album to browse at your own leisure.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FizhyuTeHSgDH6Bd6>

Feel free to reach out if you would like some of the raw pictures. Send me an email at:

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(Porsche 912 Coupé)



(Porsche 911 Carrera 2 Cup)



(Porsche 911 GT2)



(Porsche Boxster Spyder)



(Porsche 918 RSR)

Meet a GPR Member

Kris & Brian Sands

When did you join the PCA?

2022

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

2011 Boxster

Where are you from?

Grand Island, NE

What makes your car(s) special?

It's a beautiful red convertible!

Next Porsche or current project?

Nothing yet, but I'm sure we'll find something!



Favorite memory with your Porsche?

Anytime with the top down is my favorite.

What got you interested in Porsche?

We saw the car, and we just had to have it.

Any other dream cars you would own?

So many Porsches, so little time!



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A Future We Can Be Proud Of

At heart, I'm an optimist. I'm optimistic about the year ahead. And the years to follow, too.

But it won't be simple. It never is. A number of years ago I worked for a tech firm, whose share price, in the late '90s, was treading water on a par with Apple. Then Steve Jobs introduced the smartphone, and Apple's stock zoomed into another galaxy. And my company? We continued to tread water. Just like the pile of stock and stock options I had. If I had been hitched to Apple, today I'd be calling my pilot to warm up my jet, so we could head to Rio for the Grand Prix.

Then there's the analogy of the 1939 New York World's Fair. I remember seeing newsreels of the event, showcasing the wondrous future we were all destined to enjoy.

Well, they got a few things wrong. Like a certain altercation that started in September of that year. Another was this diorama of a city of the future. They had a lot right. Super-highways zipping around glass-sheathed high-rise towers. Stuff like that.

But the planes. The planes. No, they weren't bi-planes. But they were, indeed, all propeller-driven. Deriving power from radial internal combustion engines. Any jet engines in the visage? No. Jet engines, while they may have been under development, had several more years to go before they were introduced to a working airframe. Obviously, the diorama designers did not know jet engines existed, much less how they would revolutionize air travel.

Jump up to the 1964 New York World's Fair. That one I remember. One fun exhibit featured a "picture phone," I believe at the AT&T or Bell Labs pavilion. What a marvel it was ... it only took another 40 years for the product to reach the market.

The point is, it's patently impossible to predict the future with much of a degree of accuracy. We just don't know what technology will take hold,

and what won't, and when that hold will happen.

We see that today. Electric (EV) cars have been around for 120 years. My understanding is that, in the early 1900s, the automobile market was evenly divided three ways – steam, EV and internal combustion. ICE won, mainly because the price of powering movement, gasoline, had reached an affordable level. And the convenience of "filling up" far outweighed the time to charge the battery or literally build up a head of steam. And, of course, the advent of the assembly line, thanks to Henry Ford, didn't hurt.

Isn't it ironic that battery technology continues to be a challenge for EVs, after all these years? Range between charges, the time to charge, the weight of the battery pack. Will EVs really take off? The government thinks so. And manufacturers, around the world, seem to think so too. Although they're all hedging their bets, at least to a certain extent, by continuing to produce ICE vehicles.

What about hydrogen? With hydrogen power, water comes out the tailpipe. Yes, water. Are we at the 1964 World's Fair for hydrogen power? I don't have a clue.

What I do know is that, deep inside a lab somewhere, somebody is probably experimenting with technology that, through unprecedented efficiency, or weight, or emissions decrease, or all of the above, will turn the power source debate on its ear. But when? Ahh, there's the rub.

Then you have autonomous cars. Cars that drive themselves. I thought they'd be here by now. But little did I know about the complexity of writing an algorithm for the vehicle that accounts for the moral dilemma between swerving into a light pole to avoid a dog running into the road ... or swerving into oncoming traffic.

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It's too bad. I've been looking forward to their advent. Not because I actually want one, but because they'll free us enthusiasts to take the long way home. Think of it. While everyone tootles down the freeway in lockstep, you'll have the back roads largely to yourself.

And parking. After a fun day shuttling people around, the autonomous vehicles will all head back to the shed, for maintenance and to be charged up, for another fun day of shuttling people around ... leaving parking spots! On the street!

Oh, I'm looking forward to the New Year. And the years beyond. And I'm ready for it. My manual everything but the windows and sunroof 911 is gassed and ready. For whichever way the road turns.



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Terry Lessmann, Registrar

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At Left: Terry Lessmann going through "The Corkscrew" at Laguna Seca Raceway

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